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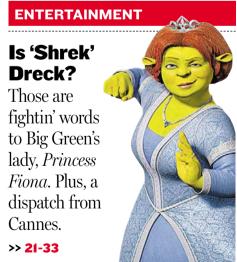


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Hot Nats Roll Into O's Series

THREE CHEERS: Nationals reliever Jon Rauch embraces teammate Jesus Flores after a 4-3 win Thursday over the Braves. The Nats took three of four games from Atlanta and have won six of their last seven. They host the rival Orioles this weekend. ❖ No relief: O's bullpen falters | Page I3

Embattled Wolfowitz To Resign

World Bank chief quits amid scandal over girlfriend's pay

WASHINGTON | World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz will resign at the end of June, he and the bank said late Thursday, ending his long fight to survive pressure for his ouster over the generous compensation he arranged for his girlfriend.

His departure ends a two-year run at the development bank that was marked by controversy from the start, given his previous role as a major architect of the Iraq war when he served as the No. 2 official at the Pentagon.

"He assured us that he acted ethically and in good faith in what he believed were the best interests of the institution, and we accept that," the board said in its announcement of Wolfowitz's resignation.

Wolfowitz, who had fought the pressure to resign for weeks, had sought recognition from the bank that he did not bear sole responsibility for the matter. In a statement Thursday, Wolfowitz said he was pleased that the board "accepted my assurance that I acted ethically and in good faith in what I believed were the best interests of the institution, including protecting the rights of a valued staff member." Jeannine aversa (AP)

wildlife | Rabidly Stupid Catching a bat in a school basement and keeping it as a classroom pet is a great way to learn — about rabies. Two staff members at a middle school in Riverton, Wyo., are getting a weekslong series of rabies shots after a bat kept in a locked



terrarium at the school tested positive for the disease. On May 9, teacher Steve Coniglio used a stick and a bucket to capture the bat, which died two days later. The bat had been displayed in classrooms and students gave it crickets to eat. (AP) EyeOpeners | Page 2

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HUGS

'I Have No Money — But I Feel Loved'

The "Hugging Bandit" — the plus-size pickpocket who put the squeeze on tipsy men and their wallets in upstate New York –

is behind bars, police said. Myra Castleberry, 48, was being held without bail and police hoped they had seen the last of a decade-long spree of thefts. "Hopefully, she'll be hugging her pillow in her prison cell for a long time," Detective Sgt. Tom Donovan said Tuesday. The Hugging Bandit targeted dozens of unsuspecting men outside bars over the years, distracting them in the wee hours of the morning by fondling them and then secretly stealing their wallets. She used the victims' credit cards within hours of the thefts. (AP)

STUPID SHAPE-SHIFTS

From Powerful Wolf To Bumbling Crook

A man who claimed he was a werewolf when he broke into a woman's apartment in Fond Du Lac, Wis., has been sentenced to six months in jail. Robert Marsh, 40, was accused of breaking through the deadbolt

ofawoman's apartment around 3a.m. on March 1. He told her he was a werewolf, had powers and was involved in a witch religion. When police arrested Marsh, he told them he was a werewolf who could change forms. The woman said she had been letting Marsh stay with her since his release from prison several days earlier. (AP)



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Cuteness Overload

Tiger triplets in eastern China have been nursed by a dog since they were rejected by their tiger mother shortly after birth at the Jinan Paomaling Wild Animal World in China's Shandong province. The trio's adoptive mother, a mixed-breed farm dog called "Huani," is expected to nurse the cats — and her own puppy — for about a month or until their appetites outpace her milk supply, said Paomaling manager Chen Yucai. Chen said it's common for Chinese zoos to use surrogate dog mothers. (AP)



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A stalled train in India got a helpfu nudge from hundreds of railway passengers in eastern India, a railway official said Wednesday. The train stalled in the state of Bihar on Tuesday wher an electrical connection snapped. The driver then asked the passengers to push the train to the next electricity pole about 60 yards away, where the train was able to restart and resume its journey. India has one of the world's larges railway networks; it carries more than 14 million passengers daily. (AP)

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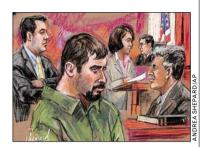
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PAINFUL LESSON: A man in Bridgeport, Conn., is accused of biting his 3-year-old nephew to teach him that biting people is wrong, police said. Hector Pulido, 40, was arrested Tuesday after day care workers found adult-size bite marks all over the boy's body.

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In Brief



Fort Dix suspect Agron Abdullahu, center, was denied bail on Thursday.

CAMDEN, N.J.

Suspect in Fort Dix Plot Is Denied Bail by Judge

A man charged with helping five men plot a terrorist attack on Fort Dix will not be freed on bail, a judge ruled Thursday. Agron Abdullahu, 24, had asked U.S. Magistrate Joel Schneider to be released from custody into house arrest. But prosecutors successfully argued he was likely to flee and was a serious risk to the community's safety.

"If I could leave. I would definitely go back to my old life. ... I would never do anything to harm this country," Abdullahu said. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Congress Approves \$2.9 Trillion Budget Plan

Congress gave final approval on Thursday to a \$2.9 trillion budget plan that promises spending increases for education and health care. The budget blueprint sets a course to produce a small surplus in five years by assuming that many of President Bush's tax cuts would expire. (AP)

Immigration Plan Heads to Congress

Proposal would give legal status to millions of illegal immigrants

WASHINGTON | In a striking reach across party lines, the White House and key lawmakers agreed Thursday to reshape the nation's immigration laws and give millions of illegal immigrants legal status.

The compromise brought liberal Democrats and conservative Republicans together with top members of President Bush's team on an issue that carries heavy potential risks and rewards for all involved.

The Senate will wade into an emotional and wide-ranging debate on the issue next week that promises to test the unlikely coalition that produced the deal. Almost instantly, the plan brought vehement criticism from both sides of the immigration issue, including liberals who called



Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., seated, was a key Democratic figure in negotiations for an illegal immigration bill. The Senate will consider the plan next week.

it unfair and unworkable and conservatives who branded it an overly permissive "amnesty." The proposal constitutes a farreaching change in the immigration system that would admit future arrivals seeking to put down roots in the U.S. based on their skills, education levels and job experience, limiting the importance of family ties. A new class of guest workers would be allowed in temporarily, but only after borders were fortified and measures were in place to ensure the rules were followed.

The formula was enough to satisfy liberal Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. — viewed as his party's decisive voice on immigration — and Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., a conservative who has been adamantly opposed to past overhauls.

The proposed agreement would allow illegal immigrants to come forward and obtain a "Z visa" and — after paying fees and a \$5,000 fine — ultimately get on track for permanent residency, which could take between eight and 13 years. Heads of households would have to return to their home countries first. (AP)

Gonzales Facing No-Confidence Vote

Democrats escalate push for removal of the attorney general

WASHINGTON | Support for Attorney General Alberto Gonzales sank further Thursday as Democrats proposed a no-confidence vote, a fifth GOP senator called for his resignation and yet another Republican predicted he won't survive a con-



Attorney General Alberto Gonzales is under fire from both political parties.

gressional investigation.

The White House shrugged off the no-confidence idea as merely symbolic.

By any measure, the news was not good for Gonzales. Democrats proposed two versions of a nonbinding resolution expressing what senators of both parties have said for weeks: that Gonzales has become too weak to run the Justice Department.

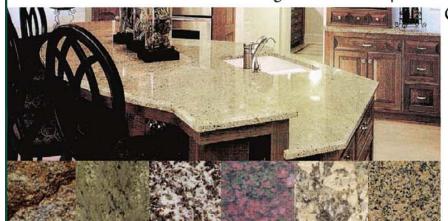
Meanwhile, on the other side of the aisle, Sen. Norm Coleman of Minnesota on Thursday became the fifth Republican senator to demand that Gonzales leave.

Sen. Arlen Specter, the Judiciary Committee's top Republican, said the Justice Department cannot properly oversee Bush's eavesdropping program with Gonzales at the helm of the agency.

"I have a sense that when we finish our investigation, we may have the conclusion of the tenure of the attorney general," Specter said. (AP)

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Allies Defend Iraq Decision

In last White House visit, Blair's support of Bush is unwavering

WASHINGTON | Steadfast Iraq war allies President Bush and Prime Minister Tony Blair on Thursday strongly defended their decision to go to war in Iraq and to remain there, despite rising opposition in both the United States and Britain and their own plunging approval ratings.

"This is a fight we cannot afford to lose," Blair said.

Standing side by side at the White House, the two leaders said they had no regrets about the decision, claiming Iraq has become the main battleground in the war against global terrorism.

"It is an important part of protecting the United States," Bush

Said the outgoing British leader: "The forces that we are fighting in Iraq — al-Qaeda on the one hand, Iranian-backed elements on the



President Bush shakes hands with outgoing British Prime Minister Tony Blair after their joint press conference in the Rose Garden of the White House.

other — are the same forces we're fighting everywhere."

Focusing on Iraq at what seemed certain to be their final White House meeting, Bush and Blair participated in a secure video conference with U.S. and British officials in Baghdad for an update

on security, economic and political issues.

Blair said he was proud to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the U.S. since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks: "I admire him [Bush] as a president and I regard him as a friend." DESMOND BUTLER (AP)

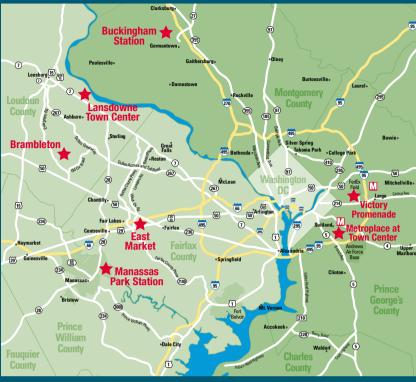
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STANDING TALL: Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen, center, speaks to members of the "Clinton 12" after statues of the 12 black students — who were the first to attend a court-ordered desegregated school in the South — were unveiled Thursday, The Clinton 12 were honored last August on the 50th anniversary of their first day at Clinton High School,

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Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., is pushing the CIA to release an internal report.

Senators Push for 9/II Data

Legislation may force CIA to release findings of internal inquiry

WASHINGTON | A group of senators from both parties is pushing legislation that would force the CIA to release an inspector general's report on the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The Central Intelligence Agency has spent more than 20 months weighing requests under the Freedom of Information Act for its internal investigation of the attacks but has yet to release any portion of it.

The agency is the only federal office involved in counterterrorism operations that has not made at least a version of its internal Sept. 11 investigation public.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and two other intelligence committee leaders - chairman Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., and senior Republican Kit Bond of Missouri — are pushing legislation that would require the agency to declassify the executive summary of the review within one month and submit a report to Congress explaining why any material was withheld. (AP)



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ROARING GOOD TIME: A rare, one-year-old white tiger named Pampa had a coming-out party Thursday at a Chilean zoo. The blue-eyed Pampa, who now weighs in at 265 pounds, was born in Argentina and will be mated with Luna, a two-year-old female from a Mexican zoo.

In Brief

BAGHDAD

U.S. Cautiously Optimistic That Missing GIs Are Alive

U.S. officials expressed cautious optimism Thursday that three missing American soldiers are still alive even as troops drained canals and questioned children in the search for the troopers feared captured by al-Qaeda. FBI agents and Australian forensic experts have joined the search for the soldiers, who disappeared after an attack Saturday. Lt. Col. Randy Martin, a U.S. military spokesman, said a number of leads "point to the fact that these men are still alive." (AP)



North Korean students attend a ceremony to mark the test-run Thursday.

MUNSAN, SOUTH KOREA

Koreas Send Trains Across Border in Symbolic Test Run

The divided Koreas sent trains lumbering through their heavily armed border for the first time in more than half a century Thursday, reaching another symbolic milestone in a reconciliation process often hindered by the North's nuclear weapons ambitions. It was the first train crossing of the 2.5-mile-wide no man's land dividing the two sides since inter-Korean rail links were cut off early in the 1950-53 Korean War. (AP)

PARIS

Sarkozy Names Fillon PM, Revamped Cabinet in Works

France's new prime minister hit the ground running — literally. After a brief inauguration, reform-minded conservative Francois Fillon turned up in shorts at the presidential palace for a jog with his new boss, President Nicolas Sarkozy. Fillon was putting together a revamped Cabinet, to be announced Friday. (AP)

Israel Airstrikes Hit Hamas Targets

Retaliation for rocket attacks kills 6 amid Palestinian infighting

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | Israel pounded more Hamas targets with airstrikes Thursday, killing six people and wounding dozens as it stepped deeper into fighting between the Islamic militants and the rival Fatah fighters of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

The latest Israeli attacks, and the reported movement of a handful of tanks a few hundred yards into the northern Gaza Strip, followed a third day of Hamas rocket barrages into Israel.

Street fighting between the Palestinian factions that has gripped Gaza since the weekend calmed under a truce agreement, but clashes still killed at least four people — a day after 22 died in the worst battles during a year of factional bloodshed.

There was no sign of any Israeli military buildup that would indicate plans for a serious intervention into chaotic Gaza, though a few tanks and soldiers moved just across the Gaza border. Israel's government said its attacks were intended solely to discourage rocket attacks on southern Israel.

Analysts said Israeli policy mak-



 $\textbf{CONSTANT CONFLICT:} \ Palestinians \ try \ to \ evacuate \ a \ wounded \ man \ from \ the \ site \ of \ an \ Israeli \ air \ strike \ in \ Gaza \ City \ on \ Thursday.$

ers were likely trying to walk a narrow line to avoid uniting Palestinian factions into a common front against Israel.

Hamas mounted accusations on its Web sites, radio and TV that Abbas-linked forces were working with Israel — a charge dismissed as "absurd" by a Fatah spokesman.

Although Israel said it wasn't taking sides, the airstrikes did

make it harder for Hamas gunmen to move around and that could help Fatah's fighters, who appeared to have been outfought in the latest round of battles.

A day after bombing two Hamas targets, Israeli aircraft struck a Hamas command center, a trailer housing bodyguards and two vehicles Thursday, citing the firing by militants of more than 50 rockets

at the Israeli border town of Sderot over three days.

The airstrikes came on the fifth day of factional fighting that appeared to be tearing apart a Hamas-Fatah unity government formed two months ago in hopes of ending such clashes and also killing any hope of renewed peacemaking between Israel and the Palestinians. SARAH EL DEEB (AP)

Mexico Confronts Surging Violence

Powerful crime gangs helping wreak havoc on local law and order

HERMOSILLO, MEXICO | Police chased the remnants of a criminal assault force through mountains near the Arizona border on Thursday after kidnappings and gunbattles that left at least 22 people dead.

Federal police helicopters and ground forces searched the Sierra Madre for fleeing gunmen on Thursday while state police moved in to replace terrified local officers who abandoned the town of Cananea, 20 miles south of the U.S. border.



Mexican police carry the coffin of a police chief killed in an attack last week.

Officials said Thursday that Mexican army troops had joined the fight Wednesday after a powerful drug cartel sent the assailants into town.

Armed with assault rifles and riding in 10 to 15 vehicles, they

pulled four lightly armed city police officers out of police cars and executed them in a roadside park.

The invasion of Cananea showed the brashness and power of Mexico's ruthless organized crime gangs.

The first outside authorities to arrive in Cananea on Wednesday found an eerie no man's land where local police had melted away.

"We had to take over the command. There wasn't anyone there. They had all left," Sonora Gov. Eduardo Bours said, noting he previously asked for a investigation of the Cananea police force, apparently to determine whether it was infiltrated by Mexico's Pacific Coast drug gangs. OMAN NEVAREZ (AP)

Estonia a Victim Of Cyber Attacks

TALLINN, ESTONIA | Estonia's defense minister said Thursday the massive cyber attacks that have crippled the high-tech country's Web sites are a threat to national security, and that it's possible the Russian government was behind them.

Defense Minister Jaak Aaviksoo said about 1 million computers worldwide were used over more than two weeks to attack government and corporate Web sites in the Baltic country, which is engaged in a dispute with Moscow over Estonia's removal of a Soviet-era war memorial from downtown Tallinn.

The Russian government has denied it is involved. (AP)

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World

For Algerians, a Lackluster Election

Low voter turnout reveals weak beliefs in campaign promises

ALGIERS, ALGERIA | Algeria, shaken by al-Qaeda suicide bombings and facing an uncertain future under an aging president, voted Thursday under tight police security in legislative elections that drew little enthusiasm.

Turnout among the 18.7 million eligible voters appeared set to be one of the lowest in the North African country. That was widely expected, due as much to frustration as to fears of a terror attack.

The election to fill the 389-seat lower house of parliament follows lackluster campaigns that failed to address issues rankling Algerians.

Interior Minister Noureddine



NOT ROCKING THE VOTE: Voters line up outside a polling station in an Algiers suburb on Thursday. Turnout for the vote appeared set to be one of the lowest in Algeria.

Yazid Zerhouni said that turnout by 5 p.m. local time was 28.4 percent — below the 38.2 percent recorded in the last legislative election in 2002.

More than 15,000 security forces deployed around Algiers and in four towns that have served as haunts for Islamic extremists.

With 24 parties and 102 independents represented, boredom may have been as fatal to the outcome of the elections as insurgents who have battled to install an Islamic state since 1992. Candidates — there are 12,229 of them on 1,144 lists — found it hard to catch the attention of people in the campaign.

"I stopped voting a long time ago because I don't believe in campaign promises," said Guendouzi Hocine, a sanitation worker from the Ben Boulaid slum outside Algiers. (AP)

Dual-Bombing Attack Kills 7 In Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, AFGHANISTAN | Acoordinated dual-bomb attack on a Kandahar city road Thursday killed seven people, including three police, in an Iraq-style tactic that is rarely seen in Afghanistan and came days after the death of the Taliban's top field commander.

Hours later, a suicide car bomber rammed into a convoy of vehicles the Kandahar governor usually travels in — an apparent assassination attempt that killed three civilians on the street and wounded four government employees.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the two-bomb attack in their former southern Afghan stronghold, saying that the second blast had been timed to hit just as more police arrived on the scene. (AP)



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DIVINE GIFT TO FORGET AND FORGIVE ALL
STANCES IN MY LIFE ARE WITH ME. I WANT
IN THIS SHORT PRAYER TO THANK YOU FOR
ALL THINGS AS YOU CONFIRM ONCE AGAIN
HAT IN EVERN WANT TO BE SFEPARTED ALL THINGS AS YOU CONFIRM ONCE AGAIN THAT I NEVER WANT TO BE SEPARATED FROM YOU IN ETERNAL GLORY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TOWARD ME AND MINE.

THIS PRAYER IS NEVER KNOWN TO FAIL. THE PERSON MUST SAY THIS PRAYER FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE DAYS.AFTER THREE DAYS THE REQUEST WILL BE GRANTED.



Tuesdays in Express

Money

Loan Rules Under Review

Bernanke says Fed is taking a hard look at mortgage practices

WASHINGTON | Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke says the central bank is considering tougher rules to crack down on abusive practices by mortgage lenders. But he says the economy should escape without significant harm from the problems in the subprime market.

Facing criticism from Congress about lax regulation, Bernanke said Thursday that the Fed was reviewing all of its options from bolstering disclosure requirements on what lenders must tell prospective borrowers to writing tougher rules to guard against fraud.

"We at the Federal Reserve will

do all that we can to prevent fraud and abusive lending and to ensure that lenders employ sound underwriting practices and make effec-

tive disclosures to consumers, Bernanke said in a speech to a banking conference in Chicago.

Bernanke said regulators needed to be sure that

any rules they imposed did not stifle the market for legitimate loans.

He also said that while it was likely there would be further increases in mortgage delinquencies and foreclosures this year and in 2008, he did not believe these problems would be enough to derail the overall economy.

Bernanke's comments repre-

sented his most extensive review of the troubles in the subprime market since the Fed and other banking regulators came under criticism from members of Congress earlier this year. The lawmakers said the regulators were not doing enough to halt abusive practices in the subprime market, which provides loans to people with weak credit histories.

Problems with subprime loans have roiled financial markets and raised concerns about possible spillover to the entire economy.

One major worry was a potentially more severe downturn in housing if significant numbers of homes get dumped back on the market because borrowers cannot meet payments adjustable mortgage payments that are resetting at higher levels. (AP)

Sales of Miller Beer Keep Falling Flat

MILWAUKEE | Miller Brewing Co. saw another year of flat sales of its staple beer Miller Lite, as drinkers continue to trade "Miller Time" for pricier brews and wines.

Increased competition from imports in the growing light-beer market and hikes in aluminum costs also contributed to a 17 percent drop in North American prof-

4.83

its, which were down to \$375 million for the year ending March 31, parent company SABMiller PLC said Thursday.

Miller, like other top industry players Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc. and Molson Coors Co., is struggling to gain its share as drinkers move into imports, craft beer and wine, said Eric Shepard, executive editor of trade publication Beer Marketer's Insights.

Industry wide, imports and craft beers both grew in the double digits last year, while the overall market was up about 2 percent.

Sales of Miller Lite were down 1 percent last year, SABMiller reported. Sales of Miller High Life were down in the low single digits, while Miller Genuine Draft similarly declined. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers				Gainers			
STOCK	LAST	DAILY Change	DAILY Percent Change	STOCK	LAST	DAILY Change	DAILY Percent Change
GerbSc	13.10	+3.13	+31.4	DUSA	4.76	+1.99	+71.9
AlliData	78.46	+15.50	+24.6	TecumsehA	15.66	+3.56	+29.4
EnterraE g	5.73	+.38	+7.1	TecumsehB	15.14	+3.41	+29.1
TerraNitro	88.50	+5.76	+7.0	OpexaTh n	5.01	+.95	+23.4
Stanley n	17.20	+1.05	+6.5	Iomai	4.40	12	-2.7
Losers				Losers			
PopeTal	3.95	37	-8.6	Quepasa n	4.45	80	-15.2
CAI Intl n	13.90	-1.10	-7.3	PointrTel	10.05	-1.55	-13.4
Ryerson	38.28	-2.34	-5.8	Opnext n	11.17	-1.48	-11.7
KronosWd	30.24	-1.75	-5.5	OpntTch	10.69	-1.31	-10.9
MicronT	11.50	64	-5.3	Paulson Paulson	5.46	55	-9.2

Kates			Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)					
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK		TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO		
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25	British Pound	.5065	.5055	.5315		
Fed Funds close	5.23	5.23	Canadian Dollar	1.0989	1.1037	1.1142		
3-month disc	4.76	4.81	European Euro	.7412	.7396	.7849		
2-year	4.68	4.64	Japanese Yen	121.27	120.74	110.96		
10-year	4.67	4.68	Mexican Peso	10.7968	10.7890	11.1770		

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Taiwanese Dollar

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DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-10.81	-8.04	-1.39
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Pharmacy Stocks

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STOCK	LAST	DAILY Change	YEAR TO DATE Percent Changi
AbtLab	58.90	19	+20.9
Allergan	122.05	45	+1.9
AstraZen	54.27	+.26	+1.3
BarrPhm	54.50	+.73	+8.7
BrMySq	30.21	+.13	+16.0
Cephln	79.99	15	+13.6
ForestLab	52.74	+.25	+4.2
Hospira	39.59	21	+17.9
JohnJn	62.74	31	-5.0
LillyEli	59.02	09	+13.3
Merck	52.46	23	+20.3
Pfizer	27.36	+.04	+5.6
SchergPl	32.82	+.35	+38.8
Sepracor	52.28	-1.21	-15.1
Wveth	56.08	47	+10.1



FORGET THE FIREWOOD: Maryland and Virginia will urge campers this summer to get their firewood on site instead of bringing it with them to state parks and forests, in an attempt to battle the emerald ash borer, which is killing ash trees in the U.S.

Local

Census: District's Black Population In Steady Decline

WASHINGTON | The District of Columbia's black population continues to decline, a trend that might soon change the capital's longtime majority-black status.

In 2000, blacks made up 60 percent of Washington's population. But by 2006 that figure was 55 percent, according to data released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau. During that time, the number of non-Hispanic black residents in the city declined 6 percent to 322,000. The demographics shift means Washington likely will cease to be majority-black by 2020, said Robert E. Lang, director of the Metropolitan Institute at Virginia Tech.

Experts say the changes are likely attributed to gentrification and diminishing affordable housing. (AP)

Amtrak Workers Demand Raises

Rally held at Union Station headquarters for new labor contract

WASHINGTON | For years, Amtrak workers believed their interests and those of the company were so closely aligned that union officials regularly trekked to Capitol Hill to ask for more federal money for the national passenger railroad.

But with some 10,000 employees working their eighth year without an updated contract, at least one union has stopped supporting Amtrak's funding bid. Hundreds of Amtrak workers rallied in front of the railroad's Union Station headquarters Thursday to demand a new contract that includes raises and back pay. The protest was held ahead of a big-



Amtrak workers cheer during a rally in front of the railroad's Union Station headquarters Thursday. They want a new contract that includes raises and back pay.

ger one on the Mall that also included aviation, highway and transit workers and focused on a variety of issues, including security.

Amtrak workers said they were tired of waiting.

Under the Railway Labor Act, designed to keep the rail and aviation industries moving, contracts do not really expire even after their terms have ended. Without a new contract, workers are entitled only to small, automatic wage increases, equal to half the increase in the cost of living.

"I'm a single parent with three kids. Everything's going up but my paycheck," said Cynthia Uhl, an assistant conductor who traveled to Washington from her home in Mount Laurel, N.J., for the protests. Sarah Karush (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, May 18

DISTRICT

 Mid-day Lucky Numbers
 6-9-3

 Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)
 4-9-8

 Mid-day DC 4
 8-6-1-0

 Evening DC 4 (Wed.)
 4-3-1-3

 Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)
 4-20-21-23-31

 Daily 6 (Wed.)
 2-3-12-13-14-37 Bonus: 32

 Hot Lotto (Wed.)
 4-6-11-20-33 (9)

MARYLAND

 Mid-day Pick 3
 3-5-3

 Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)
 7-6-5

 Mid-day Pick 4
 9-7-9-0

 Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)
 6-9-5-8

 Match 5 (Wed.)
 3-5-13-25-31
 Bonus: 4

 Lotto (Wed.)
 4-10-13-14-22-26

VIRGINIA

 Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)
 8-0-0

 Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)
 9-2-3

 Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)
 8-9-9-6

 Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)
 2-2-9-0

 Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)
 12-18-20-28-30

 Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)
 6-16-19-22-24

 Win for Life (Wed.)
 5-6-17-20-23-31

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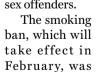
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O'Malley Signs Safety And Health Measures

Governor seeks smoking ban, harsher penalties for child-sex offenders

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Gov. Martin O'Malley, focusing on public safety and health, signed measures Thursday to ban smoking in Maryland's

bars and restaurants and to strengthen penalties for childsex offenders.





O'Malley

passed without exemptions for private social clubs like the American Legion, a fact cheered by public health groups that fought hard to prevent exceptions. The law allows bars to apply for exemptions if they can prove their businesses suffer financial hardship from the ban. Details of how the exemptions will work will be resolved later by state health officials.

Bonita Pennino, the director of government relations for the Ameri-

can Cancer Society, described it as a momentous day for workers in bars and restaurants in Maryland.

"They are going to be protected from the dangers of second-hand smoke," she said. "It's a real victory for them."

O'Malley also signed a measure increasing penalties for child-sex offenders in Maryland. The law strengthens a statute known as "Jessica's Law," named for a Florida girl who was sexually abused and murdered by a convicted child-sex offender.

It eliminates parole for adult sex offenders convicted of first- and second-degree sexual assault against a child younger than 13. First-degree offenders get a minimum mandatory sentence of 25 years.

O'Malley gave his approval to measures to give prosecutors more tools to go after violent gang members and to increase state payments to local police.

The governor said there was no reason why a wealthy state like Maryland should be the "fourth or fifth most violent state in America." BRIAN WITTE (AP)

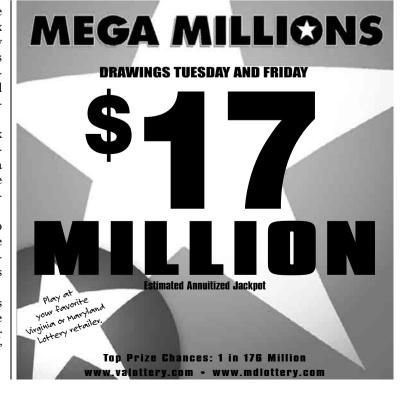
Discovery Channel Cuts 1,000 Jobs

CHEVY CHASE, MD. | Discovery Communications Inc. said Thursday it will close its remaining retail stores and cut 1,000 jobs — about a quarter of the media company's work force — as it shifts to selling its products online and through other retail outlets.

The Silver Spring-based company's 103 mall-based and stand-

alone stores will close by the end of the third quarter of 2007. The move comes as what some analysts believe is a precursor to going public.

"By eliminating our owned and operated brick-and-mortar store-fronts, Discovery can focus on high growth e-commerce and licensing operations," said David Zaslav, Discovery's president and CEO. (AP)



The Washington Post | Sunday Preview



MY GAUDI: Antoni Gaudi's unfinished masterpiece Sagrada Familia is a working construction site. His architecture enlivens the cultural center of Barcelona.

Sefore Sunrise

Barcelona begins to wake up when the clock strikes 9 p.m.

The dancer's hands fly, clap, tease, curl the edge of her ruffled skirt as guitar notes slide from major to minor scales. Her flamenco partner shoots her a look of long-lashed seduction, clacking his booted heels fast, faster, until it looks as if he's dancing an inch above the stage.

Their faces are fierce. This is passion, not pap. When they finally touch, it's a touch of possession, not invitation.

Minutes later, the too-bright lights come on in Barcelona's famed flamenco club Tarantos. We are quickly shooed out before the next set begins.

I look at my Swatch: 9 o'clock. At home, I'd be sliding under the covers with a good book. Here, on a balmy April evening, on our first night in a city where time's as fluid as a Dali clock and sleep's best dealt

with in a midday siesta, my night is just beginning. Tapas, anyone? Tapas and jazz? Tapas and jazz, dinner and dancing?

I find my second wind, then my third, sometimes my fourth, every night in this pricey, arty, sophisticated Mediterranean hot spot rumbling with techno, salsa, samba, world music, hip-hop, indie pop and ... Windy City blues? That's what we find at the Bel-Luna Jazz Club.

Crazy minds are at play in Barcelona, morning to night, night to morning. You can see it in the liquid lines of Antonio Gaudí's architecture, Modernist constructions that describe snails and fruit, flowers and trees. You can see it in the bold Crayola sculptures of Joan Miró, exuding lightness and gravitas.

Our mornings began late, 9-ish. Then, as the week wore on, 10-ish.

Each started with thick espresso, heavily sugared and topped with crema. I complemented the espresso with a chocolate croissant bursting with cocoa goo that oozed down my chin. Life is short. And, in Barcelona, darkly sweet.

After breakfast, we strolled down Las Ramblas, the heavily touristed promenade in the Gothic quarter where sidewalk minstrels strum guitars, artists quick-sketch portraits, stallkeepers arrange bouquets, an erotic museum unveils ancient secrets, and mimes transform themselves into living statues of gargoyles, pistol-packing cowboys and snarling red devils.

At midnight, in the Barri Gotic, we slid into the Harlem Jazz Club, a kick-back place with live jazz, blues, flamenco, fusion, reggae and African music on the menu. We hit it on

ALSO THIS SUNDAY

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Summertime Blues

How can you tell you're watching a bad summer movie? There are the explosions, kids' textmessages, the explosions, the feel-



ing you've seen this sequel before and yes, the explosions. All that and Adam Sandler too. And unfortunately, he isn't exploding. | Arts

folk night, with a talented acoustic guitar duo that covered Sting, Van Morrison and Dylan, adding playful tempos, Spanish riffs and Catalan vocal runs up the melodic scale. When the duo broke into Bob Marley's "No Woman, No Cry," the whole house joined in.

As we rocked out, I thought about leaving this wild city by the sea. My mind wound 'round with images of earth tunnels, flowing metal, horned devils, giant eggs, buildings covered in scales, mannequins with lamps for arms.

Then the lights came on, I wiped the sweat off my face and looked at my Swatch. 2:30 a.m. And I wasn't a bit tired. M.L. LYKE (SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Borel's Battle: The 40-year-old jockey from Louisiana has always done well with underdogs. This week, he's riding the favorite. | 16

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IN THE MIDDLE: The Orioles signed Jamie Walker to a three-year, \$12 million contract to try to improve their middle relief.

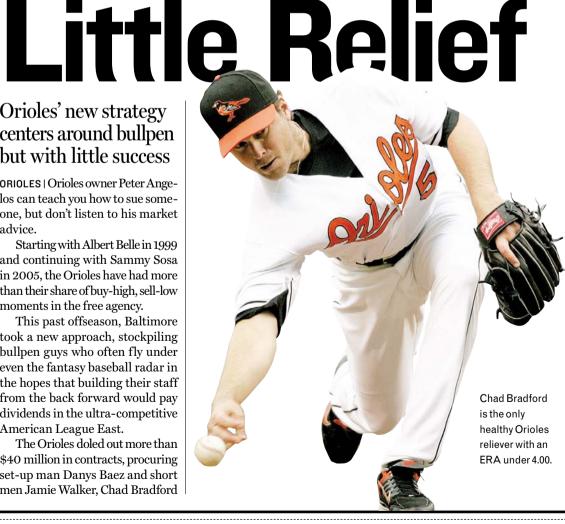
Orioles' new strategy centers around bullpen but with little success

ORIOLES | Orioles owner Peter Angelos can teach you how to sue someone, but don't listen to his market advice.

Starting with Albert Belle in 1999 and continuing with Sammy Sosa in 2005, the Orioles have had more than their share of buy-high, sell-low moments in the free agency.

This past offseason, Baltimore took a new approach, stockpiling bullpen guys who often fly under even the fantasy baseball radar in the hopes that building their staff from the back forward would pay dividends in the ultra-competitive American League East.

The Orioles doled out more than \$40 million in contracts, procuring set-up man Danys Baez and short men Jamie Walker, Chad Bradford



and Scott Williamson.

But lately, it's been a bear market.

Baez gave up a two-run homer in the eighth to help Toronto to a 5-3 win on Monday. The day before, Baez and closer Chris Ray gave up five runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to spoil what was a virtuoso performance by Jeremy Guthrie and hand Boston a 6-5 win.

The pen, which is 1-4 over the last 10 games, will look to turn around its fortunes this weekend at RFK. Washington split six games with Baltimore last season.

Bradford (2.67) — who has pitched in a team-high 21 games — is the only reliever who has been healthy with an ERA below 4.00. Williamson, who has only pitched in six games, just returned from the disabled list. Walker and Baez, meanwhile, have been hit up for nine runs in their last 4.1 combined innings.



MAY 18

MAY 19

MAY 20 I:30 P.M. Ch. 20

"It's pretty much mechanical things. ... It happens to everybody," Orioles manager Sam Perlozzo said. "If you're having a bad game you're usually doing something wrong. You're either throwing the ball in the middle of the plate or getting under the ball."

On the flip side, the Nationals' pen had five pitchers with an ERA under 4.00 entering Thursday and a combined record of 6-5. That could be a factor this weekend, as five of last year's Beltway matchups were decided by four runs or fewer.

"What I was hoping was to get something better than what we had here numbers-wise [in 2006]," manager Manny Acta said. "If we cut down the walks, we can achieve that." ERIC BRANDNER





Dustin Penner, left, and the Anaheim Ducks play Game 5 in Detroit on Sunday.

- → **ELIMINATION ROUND**: The Red Wings head back to Detroit to play the Ducks in Game 5 on Sunday (3 p.m. on NBC), and the Senators try to eliminate the Sabres on Saturday (2 p.m. on NBC).
- → SHORT ROAD TRIPS: It's basically a home weekend for everyone. The White Sox are at the Cubs with games televised on Friday (2 p.m. on WGN) and Sunday (2 p.m. on WGN). The Yankees "travel" to play the Mets with televised games on Saturday (3:30 p.m. on FOX) and Sunday (8 p.m. on ESPN).
- → 6-6-6: Three of the four NBA conference semis went to Game 6, includ-



James

ing the Pistons-Bulls, who played on Thursday night. The Nets host the Cavs on Friday (7 p.m. on ESPN) and, if necessary, play in Cleveland for Game 7 on

Sunday (TBD on TNT). Plus, the Suns are back at full strength in Game 6 on Friday (9:30 p.m. on ESPN) and, if necessary, Game 7 on Sunday.

- → TWO IN A ROW? After a week off, D.C. United is back in action against Toronto on Saturday (3:30 p.m. on Comcast) looking for its second win.
- → TOUGH BREAK: At the Preakness on Saturday (5 p.m. on NBC), we'll see whether Street Sense is a legit triple crown contender or just another Barbaro.

NFLI Photo Shoots Make Perfect? Second-round draft pick Brandon Jackson wants to practice with his team, the Green Bay Packers, but the NFL won't let him — because the Packers' minicamp is the same weekend as the league's Premiere event in Los Angeles, where rookies can grab endorse-



ments and attend playing card photo shoots, ESPN reported. Jackson said he told the league that he would rather go to the minicamp to begin preparations for the season, but the league said no. "I don't want them to think I'm some kind of a prima donna," Jackson said of his new teammates. (EXPRESS)

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Weekend Sports



Fans at Toronto's BMO Field pass around the banner as the team celebrated its first win last Saturday. United will enter the surprisingly hostile environment on Saturday.

Toronto: Tougher Than Expected

With a crazy crowd, expansion team is no easy win for United

UNITED | When United finally woke up and triumphed two weeks ago, its situation seemed ideal — rest up during the bye week then head north of the border to establish a momentum-building winning streak against an expansion team

But a lot has changed in the interim, and D.C.'s journey to Hogtown suddenly appears more daunting.

Shut out in its first four games while struggling to settle on a roster, Toronto has developed a taste for success with wins over Chicago and MLS Cup champ Houston in the past week. In addition, TFC fans are learning fast, quickly turning the club's new 20,000-seat stadium into an intimidating red panoply of sound and scarves unmatched in MLS.

A loss Saturday afternoon would sink United (1-3-1) further into last place, five points behind the 2-4-0 Canadians. "People were looking at them as an expansion side, that we should get the easy 'W,' but they're starting to find their form and hopefully we've found ours as well," United defender Bobby Boswell said. "We're going to try to show them some respect."

D.C. coach Tom Soehn said he wanted to use the two-week break to "see who separates themselves" on United's deepening roster. While midfielders Fred and Clyde Simms have recovered from injury, struggling veterans like Facundo Erpen and Jaime Moreno turned in improved performances in the 2-1 win over Chivas USA, and rookie attackers Guy-Roland Kpene and Kasali Yinka Casal have earned serious consideration.

Soehn has a lot of options and has demonstrated his flexibility and willingness to try new players and new tactics, most noticeably in his shift to a four-defender, four-midfielder formation that appears to have offered D.C. more stability. Whether that will be enough to slow down the new Toronto juggernaut remains to be seen.

Sports Weekend



NATIONALS CATCHER BRIAN SCHNEIDER

Q&A | A staple of the Nationals and the Expos before them, catcher Brian Schneider continues to be a mainstay behind the plate. So far this season, he has successfully managed a pitching staff of mostly unknowns, helping pitchers like Shawn Hill and Jason Bergmann become household names.

Growing up in Northampton, Pa., were you a Phillies or a Pirates fan, or neither?

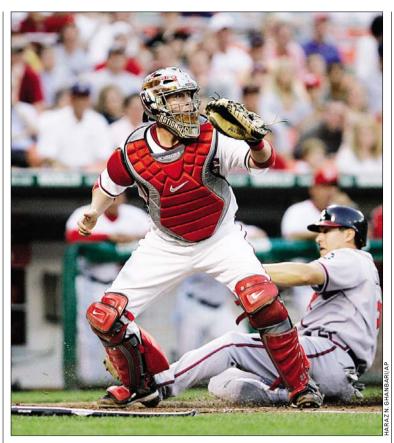
Phillies — definitely a big fan of them. I was a sophomore in high school when they made their run to the World Series in 1993, and I got to go to the World Series and watch Dykstra and Schilling and those guys go out there and do their thing.

How was it to play against some of these guys in your career?

It's fun. Obviously, it's your dream to get up to the big leagues and to play against these guys, but more than anything, my family gets to come down and see me in Philly and. Plus, it's always fun to beat the Phils.

Do you have any pets?

I have two dogs, two Shih Tzu's. My wife is allergic to dogs. I grew up with a lab but have two Shih Tzu's, Ribbie and Dinger.



Catcher Brian Schneider has always been solid behind the plate — this season he has just one error — but he didn't start catching until his junior year in high school.

In high school, you excelled at both baseball and basketball. Did you have some game? Could you dunk?

A couple years I was an All-Star, and I got to play in all the postseason tournaments. When it comes to dunking, I can't dunk. I did once in practice, but I have small hands and couldn't grip the ball. And I can barely get above the rim, so, unfortunately, I can't cup it and throw it down.

CAREER STATS

YEAR	AB	R	Н	RBI	BB	SO	HR	AVG
2007	117	8	27	14	17	18	1	.231
2006	410	30	105	55	38	67	4	.256
2005	369	38	99	44	29	48	10	.268

Do you see yourself staying with the Nats for the rest of your career?

There is nothing more that I would love to do. Not too many players can

say that they started and finished their major league and minor league career with the same team. I will do anything to stay here.

66 I can barely

get above the rim, so, unfortunately, I can't cup it and throw it down."

In your career, who was your favorite pitcher to catch?

I have caught a lot of great pitchers, especially back in Montreal; I had a good rapport with Javier Vasquez and Livan Hernandez. But if I could pick my one guy, I absolutely loved catching Bartolo Colón. He just went right after guys. And, obviously, he had a dominant fastball, but people don't understand he had a lot of pitches other than that. He definitely knows how to pitch.

Is there one catcher who you admire the most and try to model your game after?

Growing up, I wasn't a catcher. I didn't start catching full time till my junior year in high school, but, obviously, the big guys when I was growing up were Benito Santiago and [Ivan] Pudge Rodriguez. I respect the way those guys went out and played the game, and, obviously, they were also unbelievable talents as well. DREW RIFKIN

PITCHING MATCHUPS



Jason Simontacchi

- → Throws: Right
- → Fastball: 90 mph
 → Best Pitch: Offspeed

IP ERA W L H ER BB SO

'07 NL II.I 5.56 I I I4 7 3 6 '04 NL I5.I 5.28 0 0 I7 9 7 3



Steve Trachsel

- → Throws: Right
 → Fastball: Low 90s
- → Fastball: Low 90s
 → Best Pitch: Splitter

EAR IP ERA W.L. H ER BB SO

'07 AL 45.2 3.94 I 3 4I 20 2I I5 '06 NL I64.2 4.97 I5 8 I85 9I 78 79

GAME Simontacchi picked up his first win since Sept. 2003 last Sunday against the Marlins in just his second start for the Nationals. Trachsel, who came to Baltimore from the Mets, has taken four no decisions this year despite giving up more than two earned runs twice.

GAME





Jason Bergmann v. Jeremy Guthrie

GAME





TBA v. Erik Bedard

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Weekend Sports



A dirty Calvin Borel celebrates on top of Street Sense after winning the Kentucky Derby by 21/4 lengths. Street Sense is favored to win the Preakness on Saturday.

Now Borel Is The Big Shot

Jockey used to horses with long odds chases dream of Triple Crown

HORSE RACING | Long before winning the Kentucky Derby, meeting the president and dining with the queen, Calvin Borel was a cult hero at Churchill Downs.

And as much as the 40-year-old jockey of Street Sense would like to pin his popularity on his tireless work ethic, his jubilant post-victory celebrations or the Cajun accent that remains thick years after he left his Louisiana home, Borel knows his appeal is much more basic.

"All the crowd loves me because my horses pay megabucks when they win," he said.

That's usually been the story for Borel. He grew up on the bush tracks in Louisiana and has spent most of the last two decades developing a reputation for showing up early, staying late and turning long shots into sure shots.

"This is my game, what else am

I going to do?" Borel said. "This is all I've ever wanted."

Maybe, but after more than 4,000 wins — many of them providing shrewd or brave investors with a hefty payday - Borel longed for a chance to get on a horse capable of winning his sport's biggest race.

"All I asked is that God give me a chance to be five or less to one," Borel said.

Opportunity came in the form of Street Sense, a dynamic 3-year-old colt whom Borel likens to a Corvette. The two worked together to stun the field at the Derby, as Borel guided Street Sense from 19th to victory with a stirring stretch run to beat Hard Spun by 2 1/4 lengths.

Now he's there, heading to Pimlico for the Preakness while trying to help Street Sense become the first horse in nearly 30 years to win the Triple Crown.

Not bad for a guy who says he's thankful for each day he shows up at the barns before dawn and they don't tell him to turn around and go home. WILL GRAVES (AP)

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NBA PLAYOFFS | BY MATT SWENSON

Spurs Are Now The Bad Guys

THE PHOENIX SUNS-San Antonio Spurs series reminds me of my youthful days as a pro wrestling fan.

It has to do with the bloody nose, knee to the groin and body check — poor Steve Nash! — but perhaps not in the way you think.



Wrestling is, or at least used to be, all about good guys battling bad guys.

The heroes would do what you expect: abide by the rules, show

off a pleasant persona and win most of the time.

After a while, though, their act would become tired. Fans would grow bored of the Mr. Nice Guy routine and, therefore, would stop watching the matches.

So, the good guys would turn heel and develop an edge that made them exciting again. Even Hulk Hogan, the most popular of all wrestlers, was forced to make the switch.

This brings us back to the Spurs. Until this series, the most you could say about them was that they are always very good, well-behaved and incredibly boring to watch.

Then, seemingly out of nowhere, San Antonio turned to roughhouse tactics that ultimately led to the suspensions of the Spurs' Robert Horry and the Suns' Amare Stoudemire and Boris Diaw.

And on Thursday, I found myself staying up past 1 a.m., watching Game 5. As a journalist, I shouldn't admit I was cheering for the Suns; but as a sports fan, it's true.

The game played out just as to be expected. The undermanned Suns fought valiantly but ran out

San Antonio's dirty play looks like it may be the ultimate decider in this series.

of energy late. One wonders if Phoenix will have enough left in reserve to force a Game 7.

San Antonio fans won't admit, but the team's dirty play looks like it may be the ultimate decider in this series that may ultimately be the catalyst for a championship.

The Spurs are now the bad guys. Their actions shouldn't be condoned, but suddenly they are exciting to watch - and to root against.



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The Waiting Game

Jazz don't know which Western powerhouse to prepare for this week

NBA PLAYOFFS | The Jazz still don't know whether they should worry about Tim Duncan or Steve Nash.

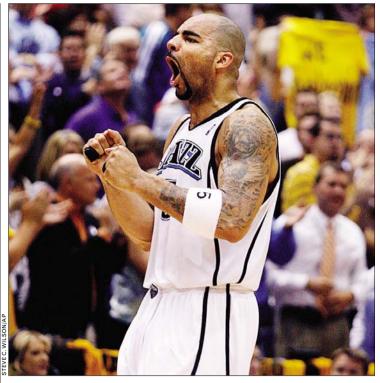
The Jazz returned to practice Thursday after a day off, still not knowing who they will be playing in the Western Conference finals. San Antonio leads the series against Phoenix 3-2 and can wrap it up Friday at home.

Or Phoenix can force a Game 7, which would leave the Jazz's next opponent up in the air until Sunday. Either way, the Jazz will be starting the next round on the road against the Spurs or the Suns.

"Neither one of them were very much fun to play against," Jazz coach Jerry Sloan said.

Duncan and the Spurs have given the Jazz fits for years. Utah went 2-2 against San Antonio this season, which was a big improvement over 0-3 last year. Utah hasn't beaten San Antonio in a season series since 1997-98, which was also the last time the Jazz made it this far in the playoffs.

The Spurs won the NBA title in 2005 and the Suns were in the conference finals last year, so both would have an edge in experience



FIRED UP: Carlos Boozer and the Jazz beat the Warriors in just five games, but they will likely face a tougher test in the next round against either the Suns or the Spurs.

against the Jazz.

"Both of them have been to where we're going now and San Antonio has been to where we want to get to," Utah forward Carlos Boozer said. "Either way, we're going to have a great series on our hands."

The Jazz are in the conference finals after beating Golden State in five games.

If San Antonio wins, the Jazz will play at the Spurs on Sunday. If the Suns win, the series goes to a Game 7 and the conference finals would start on Tuesday.

"We know there's going to be a game somewhere. We're not completely in the dark," Sloan said. (AP)

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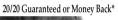
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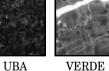
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Chastity Melvin, center, fights for a loose ball in the last game the Mystics played — a loss to the Connecticut Sun that eliminated Washington from the playoffs.

Globe-Trotting To the Sidelines

Mystics get to see the world, but playing abroad can also hurt

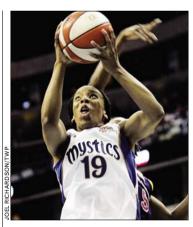
MYSTICS | The Washington Mystics played around the world this offseason, but the experience might actually hurt the team during this summer's WNBA campaign.

Washington returns with the squad that went 18-16 and set a franchise win record last year almost entirely intact. The team's familiarity with coach Richie Adubato's complicated system, which includes around 40 offensive sets, bodes well, but Washington's injuries, fatigue and nearly nonexistent preseason should temper optimism.

Adubato said that, after their WNBA season ended last August. nearly all the Mystics headed for foreign leagues, where most played for six or seven months.

"There's no question that there's a fatigue factor when you get back ... mental along with physical," Adubato said, adding that four of the team's top players returned from abroad last week — giving the whole team just a week of training camp.

The experience of Mystics guard Nikki Blue, who played in Turkey, epitomizes the mixed blessings of international play. "I feel I got better," Blue said. "I turned into a shooter." But Blue found the Turkish game far



 $Mystics\,guard\,Nikki\,Blue\,injured\,her\,right$ knee playing in Turkey this offseason.

more physical and injured her right knee, making her availability for Saturday's opener against the Connecticut Sun a game-time decision.

Playing abroad is "not really worth it," Blue said, "but you have to, because of the money."

Similarly, the Mystics will be without all-star guard Alana Beard on Saturday. Beard played for a Korean team in the offseason and then attended a USA Basketball camp in Italy - where she strained her left shoulder.

When the squad hosts Connecticut, who knocked Washington out of the playoffs in the first round each of the last two years, the Mystics will "just hope that everybody's in the same boat," Adubato said. TIM FOLLOS

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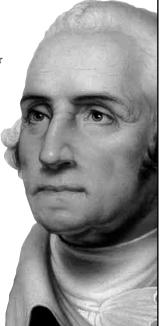
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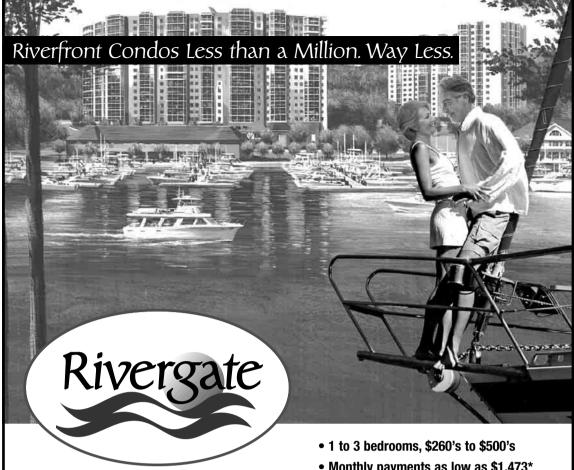
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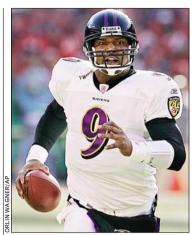
RAVENS | Baltimore Ravens quarterback Steve McNair doesn't seem to be distracted by his pending driving under the influence case.

The three-time Pro Bowl passer appeared to be in good shape and threw crisp passes Thursday during the Ravens' voluntary minicamp.

McNair was arrested May 9 in Nashville, Tenn., on a misdemeanor offense often referred to as DUI by consent. It's a Tennessee ordinance that prohibits a vehicle owner from knowingly allowing someone who is intoxicated to drive his car.

What happened in Tennessee is left in Tennessee," McNair said. "My lawyer is going to deal with that."

McNair said he was happy to practice with the Ravens much earlier than last year when he was acquired in a June trade from the Tennessee Titans for a fourth-



Steve McNair drew praise from Brian Billick for his conditioning and accuracy.

round draft pick. This week was also his first opportunity to work with newly acquired running back Willis McGahee.

"It was good for me because of the situation I was in last year where I was cramming everything in," said McNair, who drew compliments from Ravens coach Brian Billick for his conditioning and accuracy. (AP)

Nationals Beat Braves For a 2nd Series Win

Lopez's hitting helps team to its 6th win in the last 7 contests

NATIONALS | Perhaps all Felipe Lopez needed was a little rest.

Lopez returned from a rare day off by stopping an O-for-13 skid with a single, double and go-ahead triple, and the Wash-

ington Nationals came back to beat the Atlanta Braves 4-3 on Thursday.

Last-place Washington has

won six of its past seven games, including three of four against Atlanta. That means the Nationals have taken two consecutive series after failing to win any of their first 12 this season.



Second baseman Felipe Lopez singled. doubled and tripled in the Nats' win.

The recent success has hinged on some top bullpen work and occasional clutch hitting. Washington relied on that formula again, although not until after Chipper Jones' two-run homer to straightaway center in the fourth inning helped Atlanta take a 3-1 lead off Matt Chico (3-4). (AP)



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BIG GREEN MACHINE: Even the gigantic ogre seems to be surprised how warmed over "Shrek the Third" feels. No matter, though: It'll still rake in millions of dollars.

Fractured Fairy Tale

'Shrek' isn't dreck, but it truly feels like the third time around

FILM | "Shrek the Third" begins with a death, and from there the movie itself steadily dies.

The third installment in this monster of an animated franchise still subverts the fairy tales we grew up knowing and loving, but it's smothered in a suffocating sense of been-there, done-that.

Thankfully, as the films go along, they rely less on gratuitous pop-culture references. And, visually, this "Shrek" is more dazzling than ever, especially in the realistic background details. The water looks watery and the sand looks sandy and the trees look so lush and leafy you could practically jump out of your seat and climb into one of them.

But part three also lacks the zip of its predecessors; it feels draggy and, at the same time, rushed. Except for a few moments here and there, such as Prince Charming's gleefully corny stage productions and a Gingerbread Man flashback montage, much of the original sense of ingenious fun is gone.

This time, the lovably cranky ogre Shrek (voiced by Mike Myers) struggles with the prospect of becoming king of Far, Far Away after the death of King Harold, the father of his bride, Fiona (Cameron Diaz). He'd rather stay home in the swamp, lazing around all day.

So, Shrek sets out with his chatty sidekick Donkey (Eddie Murphy) and the suave Puss in Boots (Antonio Banderas) to find the only other possible heir to the throne: the nerdy, insecure Artie, Fiona's teenage cousin, who is voiced by Justin Timberlake and looks like Corey Feldman. Artie is always on the receiving end of Lancelot's athletic jousts and is the butt of everyone's jokes at his medieval high school — the irony being, of



A pregnant Princess Fiona kicks more booty than all of "Shrek the Third."

course, that Timberlake has long been the coolest kid in the class. So, when Shrek and his pals show up and offer him the kingdom, he's only too happy to take it. At first. Meanwhile, with hubby away, Fiona is left to defend the castle from Prince Charming (Rupert Everett), the vain former suitor she once jilted who has now come back to stage a bloody coup with a posse of vanquished villains (Captain Hook, the Evil Queen, etc.).

Fiona — who's pregnant with the baby Shrek isn't sure he's ready for — gets some unexpected help on her end from longtime damsels in distress Snow White (Amy Poehler), Cinderella (Amy Sedaris), Rapunzel (Maya Rudolph) and Sleeping Beauty (Cheri Oteri), as well as her mother, Queen Lillian (Julie Andrews). It's a clever idea to have these characters transcend their stereotypes, but with the exception of Poehler's demanding diva, they all feel tossed in and underused. Like "Spider-Man 3." "Shrek the Third" throws more at us — including plenty of barf and flatulence jokes for the kids — but too little of it actually sticks. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)



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I'm meeting an old friend near Union Station for a late dinner. Any restaurant suggestions in that area? Price is no object, but nothing too fancy.

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Weekend Entertainment



Even Indian film superstar Aishwarya Rai, right, can't save "Provoked" from itself.

Sentenced To Lifetime

'Provoked' prods the audience into having very little sympathy

FILM | Based on the true story of an abused woman whose fight to overturn a murder conviction helped change the way victims of domestic violence are treated under British law, "Provoked" wheedles so relentlessly on its heroine's behalf that by the end you almost wish they'd just lock her back up.

Squeakily earnest and noble in the extreme, the film stars a transcendently lovely Aishwarya Rai, one of India's biggest stars, as the battered Kiranjit Ahluwalia, whose 10-year arranged marriage to comic-book sadist Deepak (Naveen Andrews from "Lost") ends when a half-baked plan to burn his feet so he can't chase her anymore results in his death. In the Manichean universe of "Provoked," bad people are very, very bad; good ones are very nearly angels; and good ones who do bad things at the bidding of bad ones end up drinking themselves into oblivion while leaving the beer bottles scattered about to make sure we know it.

Miranda Richardson plays Ronnie, the cellmate who teaches Kiranjit to stand up for herself, and various others fill out other stock types reduced to their most basic essence.

Director Jag Mundhra expends so much energy and screen time to sway us to take Kiranjit's side really, we're on her side — that he doesn't have much left over for anything else, and the women's rights activists who turn her seemingly lost cause into a landmark legal victory end up looking like something out of "Encyclopedia Brown."

Chopped into episodes headed by typewritten dates, "Provoked" turns the case of a lifetime into something straight off of Lifetime. CARINA CHOCANO (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



MALE-PATTERN DUMBNESS: Stewart Kane (Gabriel Byrne) tries to convince his wife (Laura Linney) his fishing trip is no big deal.

Lost in the Wild

Male rationalizations — and irrationality — drive dark 'Jindabyne'

FILM | "Jindabyne," a serious and somber film from Australia starring Laura Linney and Gabriel Byrne, is as slow getting started as a leisurely weekend fishing trip, but it ends up having an almost unbearable impact. Nominated for nine Australian Film Institute awards, including best picture, "Jindabyne's" strength and power come from a number of factors: its origin, its current landscape and the unusual way its writer-director, Ray Lawrence, has chosen to work.

The source material for "Jindabyne" is "So Much Water So Close to Home," the same Raymond Carver short story about a group of men and a body they find on a fishing trip that played a part in Robert Altman's 1993 portmanteau Carver film, "Short Cuts."

Director Lawrence works in a very specific and unusually effective way. Not only does Lawrence shoot in natural light (except for night sequences), but he almost invariably goes with only one take every time. Not all actors are comfortable with this system, but Byrne as Irish-born family man Stewart and Linney as his American wife, Claire, have made it their own. They give deeply felt, at times lacerating, performances as one of several Jindabyne couples whose lives of quiet desperation are about to get a whole lot louder.

An unintended furor is the main business of the serious and somber 'Jindabyne.'

After a disturbing prologue, "Jindabyne" takes its time introducing its people and its world in happier times. Stewart, who runs a gas station, and Claire, who works in a pharmacy, seem happy to be married and are clearly loving parents to their young son, Tom (Sean Rees-Wemyss).

Stewart's three friends, the people he goes fishing with, are, in Carver's words, "decent men, family men, responsible at their jobs." When these four men arrive at their long-anticipated fishing spot, they are deeply shocked to find, dead in the water, the naked body of a young Aboriginal woman. They consider going back immediately and notifying the authorities, but for a variety of reasons, including the atavistic lure of the wilderness experience that the film beautifully illustrates, they decide against it and instead tie the floating corpse to a tree and go on with their fishing.

Their rationalizations, however, cease to seem sound when they return to Jindabyne, notify the authorities, and are met by a wave of anger and told in no uncertain terms by the local police that "we don't step over bodies to enjoy our leisure activities."

Revealing how this unintended furor plays out in the lives of its characters is the main business of "Jindabyne." As befits a town whose old section disappeared under water years before when a major dam was built, this is a community characterized by barely buried resentments and the hidden ways its citizens are haunted by their pasts.

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HAL HARTLEY'S "FAY GRIM" stars Parker Posey as a single mom who's afraid her son will grow up to be like his disappeared father, Henry (from Hartley's 1989 film "Henry Fool"). But Henry was not the man he appeared to be. When a CIA operative asks Fay to travel to Paris to retrieve Henry's property, everything soon becomes a sprawling con game of international espionage. (EXPRESS)

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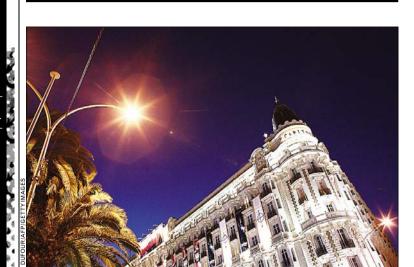
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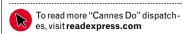
CANNES DO | It's the 60th anniversary of the Cannes Film Festival, and they have decided that it's not enough to be French this year. Oh, no, they are going to be French-Canadian.

The poster for the festival proper, for example, is an ode to

jazz-hands mime-love starring the likes of a grinning Danny Glover, Alejandro Inarritu, Gael Garcia Bernal and other formerly dignified people in mid-leap, all bursting out of some bouquet-like formation with vast and discomfiting enthusiasm, like the opening of "Cats" during which the audience is harassed by people in body-tards. Which would be fine, except for the bags we're given with all our schedules and press kits is also a product of the finest, most scampish minds of Montreal: It's shiny black vinyl with multicolored Day-Glo names of great directors emblazoned on it. Fun pastime — run together last and first names to come up with the lost greats of cinema: Kiarostami! Teinosuke Kinugasa! May you get the retrospectives you deserve.

We got in early in the morning after a night of no sleep and hit the Croisette first thing. There's nothing more disorienting than the Croisette on the first day one arrives at the festival. Added to that, various horrible things have happened: The press balcony at the Palais has gotten rid of its super-fine coffee and chocolate machines and replaced them with austere watercoolers, they have laid out lovely tables and chairs for the press to relax upon, but pasted up Interdit de Fumer signs all over. (Everyone smokes anyway, especially the Italians, who seem to be in abundance this year.)

Worse, we can see from there that our beloved Ernie's cafe has upgraded itself into a sleek blueand-brushed aluminum hot spot, the likes of which would have been in vogue 15 years ago. Ernie's is gone; no smoking in the press room: the insidious march of the Canadiens. Where will it end?





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FRIDAY

During a storied career, KRS-ONE has penned some of hip-hop's biggest classics like "I'm Still #1" and "My Philosophy," firmly established Boogie Down Productions as one of hip-hop's most important groups, sparked the earliest forms of hiphop activism with Stop the Violence and H.E.A.L., and turned personal beefs into lore with his clashes with Melle Mel and the Juice Crew. The Blastmaster has also confounded the hip-hop world with odd philosophical shifts and questionable professional choices, keeping him out of the realm of a hip-hop deity and more realistically a talented, influential and complex pioneer. One thing that can't be questioned: KRS-One is one of the truest emcees to rock a party. From his booming voice to crowd control, battling and freestyle skills, KRS-One is the prototype, even after more than two decades in the game. He'll be tearing down the stage at the **BLACK CAT** tonight.

Local legends **CEPHAS & WIGGINS** will perform at Laurel's MONTPELIER **CULTURAL ARTS CENTER** as part of the center's continuing FOLK AND BLUES series. There aren't many acts that can claim to completely define a genre, but this duo, together for nearly 30 years, is clearly carrying the torch for Piedmont blues, a style built off an alternating thumb and fingerpicking guitar. John Cephas, now in his mid-70s, has been a master of the style since probably before you were born. Throw in Phil Wiggins' top-notch, tasteful harmonica playing and you have some truly classic and timeless music.

The AFROFUNK FORUM is moving on up. After a handful of successful outings at DC9, the funky, sweaty celebration of African-influenced dance music shakes on over to H Street to take up residency at the ROCK AND ROLL HOTEL. The pertinent details remain the same the dozen-plus member **CHOPTEETH** AFROFUNK BIG BAND will continue to provide the live tunes, and **DJ THICK** will spin the best in global sounds.

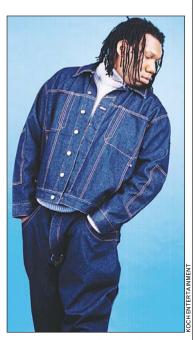


Chopteeth Afrofunk Big Band brings its Afrofunk Forum night to Rock and Roll Hotel.

This edition will feature a return engagement from CHEICK HAMALA DIABATE, who not only knows what a ngoni is (a traditional Malian lutetype instrument), but can also extract sounds from it that might blow your mind. He'll be collaborating with DJ Thick tonight.

SATURDAY

On first listen, it's hard to tell whether **BLACK MOTH SUPER RAIN-**BOW's entrancing new album "Dandelion Gum" achieves that status solely because of its unique instrumentation and general weirdness. After all, the group claims that the collection is "a loosely based concept record about witches who make candy in the forest." Uh, sure guys. This oditty isn't totally unexpected from a band that likes to keep things



HIS PHILOSOPHY: KRS-One brings his activist hip-hop to the Black Cat.

extra-mysterious, with members of the Pittsburgh-based group going by names such as Power Pill Fist and Father Hummingbird. But it always comes down to the songs, and "Dandelion Gum" is filled with memorable ones built on a heavy use of analog instruments such as vocoder and mellotron. It all adds up to a woozy, backwoods, psychedelic electro-folk sound that's surprisingly accessible on songs like "Sun Lips" and the aptly titled "Melt Me." Catch BMSR at DC9, opening for the Gena Rowlands Band and Laura Burhenn.

"That voice." You can expect to hear that short phrase connected to **GRACE POTTER**'s name for many years to come. It's a commanding, soulful voice that draws you in immediately. Not content to just sing, Potter also plays Hammond B3 organ and does it well. In an age of MySpace superstars and reality show dreams, the young singer and her rootsy backing band the Nocturnals have gained a loyal following the old-fashioned way - constant touring. And most people who see Potter are more than willing to go back for another engagement. Within the past year, she's gone from opening act at Iota to headlining the **STATE THEATRE** on a Saturday night. When her new album, "This Is Somewhere," featuring "Ah Mary," hits stores later this summer, her star should rise even higher. She has the pipes, the looks and youth on her side, so catch her in the small setting while you still can.

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ONE WEEK LATER: Last week's No. 2 movie, "28 Weeks Later," will be chased down the box office charts this week not by zombies but by a different ugly green monster.

AFTER THE WEDDING (R, 120 minutes) This Danish film, nominated for a Best Foreign Language Film Oscar earlier this year, cuts to the core of who we are, who we belong to and where we come from. It is finely textured drama, thanks to the performers, who make their characters so persuasive and 3-D we're too mesmerized to care about the story's more overwrought or histrionic passages. (DT)

AMERICANIZING SHELLEY (PG, 90 minutes) You have to hand it to Namrata Singh Gujral: As a young, obscure actress of Indian, Tibetan, Latin and Egyptian descent trying to get noticed in Hollywood, she has taken control of her destiny by writing her very own star vehicle. Unfortunately, what this movie displays in gumption is far outweighed by vanity, vapidity and embarrassingly low-rent production values. (AH)

AQUA TEEN HUNGER FORCE COLON MOVIE FILM FOR THEATERS (R, 87 minutes) This movie, in which a pack of french fries, a wad of ground beef and a milkshake save the world — or at least, New Jersey — from a psychotic giant exercise machine built 70,000 years ago by aliens, is a work of either a profoundly transgressive genius or a goofball high on Pez and patio sealant. The animated 87 minutes feel pretty much beyond description. (sн)

AVENUE MONTAIGNE (R, 100 minutes) This delicately charming fable set in Paris offers the kind of experience we secretly crave when we visit any great city: meaningful encounters with its people. At the center is Jessica (Cécile De France), a sweethearted gamin from the provinces who has just arrived in the capital. To this country girl, Paris is the city of luxury, a picture-postcard world of hotels, expensive restaurants and fine living. This vicarious sojourn in Paris leaves us with souvenirs that few real trips could ever produce. (pt)

AWAY FROM HER (PG-13, 110 minutes) In this exquisite, closely observed portrait of a marriage, Julie Christie, who plays Fiona, a woman in the early throes of Alzheimer's, proves yet again that she's an actress not just of supreme physical beauty but finely tuned sensitivity. The film, which writer-director Sarah Polley adapted from an Alice Munro's short story, "The Bear Came Over the Mountain," chronicles the ebb and flow of Fiona's awareness, as well as her husband Grant's reluctant realization that, to keep the love of his life, he has to let her go. (AH)

BLACK BOOK (R, 45 minutes) This Dutch film tells the story of Rachel Stein (Carice) van Houten), a Jewish cabaret singer trying to survive the Third Reich in the Netherlands in 1944. An errant bomb turns the farm where she has been hiding into a funeral pyre, and Rachel is on the run. Soon enough, she's reunited with her family and becomes the only survivor of an SS massacre. Indeed, massacres come fast and furious, as does a plot that shunts through developments faster than a dealer can shuffle a deck of cards, (SH)

BLADES OF GLORY (PG-13, 93 minutes) Will Ferrell and Jon Heder sashay into the graceful world of figure skating, playing two competitors who have been banned





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BOX OFFICE MUSCLE: Mediocre reviews couldn't knock down "Spider-Man 3," but an ogre's ready to give him a beat-down.

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from the rink and learn that the only loophole that might permit them back onto the ice is to skate as a pairs team. To see seemingly regular guys utterly stripped of dignity and defense is cruel enough. but crueler still is the laughter that you cannot seem to stop from rupturing your lungs and aorta. (SH)

DELTA FARCE (PG-13, 90 minutes) Larry the Cable Guy plays one of a sorry trio of National Guardsmen activated for service in Iraq, when all they're trained for is drinking gallons of beer away from their wives' supervision on that one weekend a month. But it doesn't matter when by lame contrivance they are accidentally air-dropped into Mexico, which for a long time, they mistake as Iraq. When the racism wears out, the low-budget movie turns into a "Three Amigos"/ "Magnificent Seven" parody in the key of unfunny, (SH)

DISTURBIA (PG-13, 104 minutes) The much-maligned suburbs take another hit on the big screen. Shia LaBeouf plays Kale, a young man under house arrest for punching out his high school Spanish teacher. Things get mighty boring at home, and Kale picks up binoculars to check in on his neighbors. Despite going down a seemingly predictable road, the movie takes enough turns to keep you guessing. The ending, though, drags, and the film quickly shifts from a clever homage to "Rear Window" to a bad parody of "The Silence of the Lambs." (JOHN MAYNARD)

THE EX (PG-13, 89 minutes) This stun-

ningly insipid romance marks an all-time low for actor Zach Braff, With its cookiecutter story, this movie is far too bland for Braff fans seeking the earlier, funnier guy, and it's too sexually risque for family audiences seeking something contemporary but wholesome. (рт)

51 BIRCH STREET (Unrated, 90 minutes) In this documentary, filmmaker Doug Block narrates as we watch home movies of his childhood on Long Island, N.Y. But with breathtaking speed, the film takes a sudden turn, and what seemed to be iust another middle-class family with intimacy issues becomes a microcosm of an entire era. Block does an outstanding job walking the knife edge between personal and self-absorbed. (AH)

THE FLYING SCOTSMAN (PG-13, 96 minutes) This is a classic tale of the heroic little guy, told with elegant restraint in this sensitive and beautifully rendered film. The little guy in question is Graeme Obree (Jonny Lee Miller), a Scottish messenger boy and amateur cyclist who defied the odds by twice holding the world hour record, one of cycling's most storied achievements. Obree battled depression before and after his triumphs, but that was hardly the worst of his problems. The greater evil was the sport itself — or rather, those who made up its rules. (SARAH KAUFMAN)

FRACTURE (R, 98 minutes) Anthony Hopkins plays an aeronautical engineer with a wife who is cheating on him. The husband tracks her to a hotel room. where she and her boyfriend cavort. That evening, she comes home and he shoots her. The old man surrenders and confesses. The case is given to a young prosecutor (Rvan Gosling) who's in his last week in the job and doesn't prepare for the initial hearing with quite the same passion as he might have and walks into a buzz saw. The geezer has tricked them all. The good part about this OK, but way less than great, thriller is that you won't notice how cheesy it is until the heartburn from the popcorn has eased. (SH)

GEORGIA RULE (R, 115 minutes) Just what we need least: a warm family comedy about child molestation. Widow Georgia (Jane Fonda) lives by the same unbending rules that have seen her through her whole life; each meal on time, early to bed. early to rise, repression unacknowledged but the powerful force in her life. Into this narrow but ordered existence come her messy but rich daughter, Lilly (Felicity Huffman), and her total train wreck of a granddaughter, Rachel (Lindsay Lohan). One problem is that Lohan isn't 17; she's 20 and looks about 35. (sн)

GRINDHOUSE (R, 191 minutes) What truly grinds in this film, a Quentin Tarantino-Robert Rodriguez double feature, is your butt against the seat. Checking in at more than three hours, it's one grand self-indulgence calibrated exquisitely for an audience that pines for the gory double-feature pleasures of movie forms that petered out in the early '70s. That audience can be counted: two. Named Tarantino and Rodriguez. (sн)

THE HIP HOP PROJECT (PG-13, 88 minutes) This documentary, directed by Matt Rushkin and executive-produced by Bruce Willis and Queen Latifah, looks good, with lots of snazzy speeded-up/ slo-mo footage and dreamy, sepiaseeped images, and it has plenty of rich raw material: Formerly homeless rapper Continued on page 28

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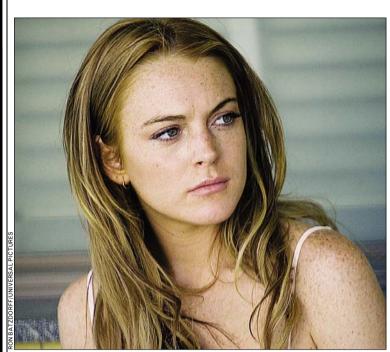


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Lindsay Lohan — who is 20 and looks 35 — plays a 17-year-old in her new film. But all the tabloid media in the world couldn't make people interested in "Georgia Rule."

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(Chris "Kazi" Rolle) turns troubled teens onto the beauty of rhymes. But there's not enough story to the story. Rushkin meanders from note to note, abandoning narrative structure along the way. Too much time is spent on process: boring meetings and mediocre performance shots of unidentified rappers. (TERESA WILTZ)

THE HOAX (R, 116 minutes) This film is based on the true story of Clifford Irving, whose "authorized autobiography" of reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes in the early 1970s was exposed as a fake. As the movie tells it, Irving (Richard Gere) was an opportunist, an adulterer and a scoundrel, with mounting bills and the ill-advised chutzpah to fool McGraw-Hill into giving him a million dollars for an empty promise. It's too bad the pristine simplicity of Irving's greed is not enough to galvanize the movie. (DT)

HOME OF THE BRAVE (R, 105 minutes) The heaviness of war hangs everywhere in this movie, which follows a group of soldiers returning from war and charts their difficulties reintegrating into civilian life. They return to an America caught in the debate over what's happening over there, whether it will ever be over over there and, if and when it is over over there, was it worth it? Not a pretty picture. The best thing about the movie is that it's interested in the soldiers. (SH)

HOT FUZZ (R, 121 minutes) The hilarious zombie satire "Shaun of the Dead" seemed to arrive out of nowhere in 2004, written by actor Simon Pegg and co-

written and directed by Edgar Wright. The team is back with this takeoff on Hollywood action flicks at their most ludicrously macho. The film could easily have lost 20 minutes or so in jittery montages and stylized set pieces, but for viewers in the mood for smart-stupid slapstick, it's a diverting jape, (AH)

THE INVISIBLE (PG-13, 97 minutes) This part ghost story, part cloak-anddagger melodrama, set in a Seattle high school and couched in teenagery postmodern coolness, stretches our credibility to wafer thinness. The story revolves around the death — or pending death of Nick (Justin Chatwin), an intelligent student who comes back as a ghost desperately trying to save his own life. The movie, based on the Swedish book "Den Osynlige" (which novelist Mats Wahl adapted for the Swedish movie of the same name), comes across as forced. (DT)

THE LIVES OF OTHERS (R, 137 minutes) This German movie begins in 1984, when the secret police, or Stasi, routinely bugged, tailed and intimidated its citizens. Plotted as tautly as a cop procedural but playing more like a modern allegory, this film personalizes its Orwellian world through the eyes of Gerd Wiesler (Ulrich Muehe), a frosty Stasi officer. To watch this film is not just to enjoy a fabulously constructed timepiece; it's to appreciate a deft cautionary tale. (рт)

LUCKY YOU (PG-13, 124 minutes) In this turgid, not-very-romantic comedy, hitand-miss director Curtis Hanson sets out to answer the cinematic question: Is poker the most boring game one can represent on screen? Congratulations, Mr. Hanson, the answer is ves. as demon-



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strated in this lifeless story of a compulsive gambler (Eric Bana) and the goodhearted gal (Drew Barrymore) who tries to save him from himself. (AH)

THE NAMESAKE (PG-13, 117 minutes) This film begins in the late 1970s on a train to Calcutta when a young man. Ashoke Ganguli (Irfan Khan), meets a passenger, who encourages him to see the world. It is the combination of this meeting, the calamitous event that follows and the short story he is reading at the time that sets Ashoke's future. Although we miss some of the finer details that made Jhumpa Lahiri's book so meaningful, we're moved by the movie's themes of cultural displacement and the power of chance. (DT)

OFFSIDE (PG, 93 minutes) In 2000, Iranian filmmaker Jafar Panahi made "The Circle," a scathing indictment of the treatment of women under the fundamentalist Islamic regime. The sexual anxiety, hypocrisy and cruelty that fuel that movement come under gentler but just as sharp-eyed scrutiny in Panahi's new film about a group of Tehrani teenage girls trying to get into a soccer match.

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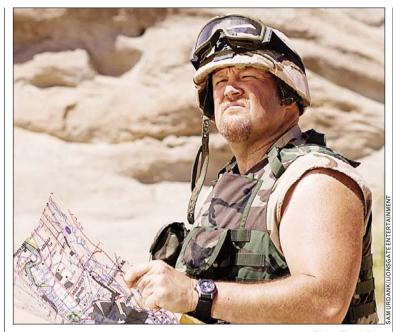
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THE PAGE TURNER (Unrated, 85 minutes) What this film lacks in scale and ambition, it makes up for in precision. It's a small French delicacy — tart, acerbic and cynical — that focuses on three or four characters and vet manages to bring them and their dilemmas to vivid life. We meet Mélanie at 10 on the day that she plays the piano before a panel that will or will not admit her to a prestigious academy. As she begins her prelude, one of the judges is interrupted by an autograph seeker, and so frail a grasp does the young woman have on her talent,



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PERFECT STRANGER (R, 110 minutes) Halle Berry plays a New York reporter who specializes in getting the goods. Quickly enough, Berry's Rowena is approached by an old friend named Grace (Nicki Aycox), who dumps a load of woe on her. Grace began an illicit relationship with a prominent ad exec who is now trying to dump her. She hopes that Rowena will help her in a revenge plot. She turns over a batch of documents and then conveniently is found dead. Suddenly, Rowena is engaged at the thought of bringing down another fat cat. The movie is just another thriller in town for a few desultory weeks until it heads off to a mild afterlife on DVD and

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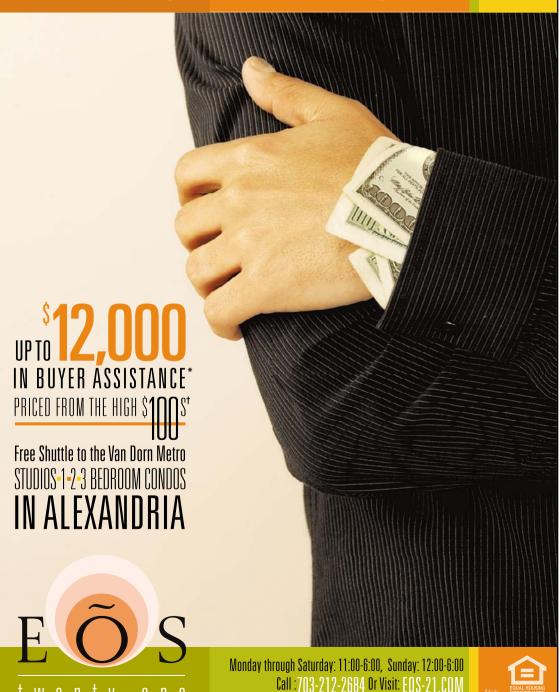
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then richly deserved oblivion. (SH)

SPIDER-MAN 3 (PG-13, 140 minutes) Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst and James Franco reunite in the third installment of the Spidey story, which is still dominated by father figures, sexual competition and revenge. Peter's erstwhile best friend, Harry (Franco), is still convinced that Peter killed his dad. But in an apparent effort to put a stake in the heart of the franchise that threatens to define his career, director Sam Raimi has delivered an overlong, visually incoherent, mean-spirited and often just plain awful sequel. (AH)

TMNT (PG, 90 minutes) This is the fourth in a series chronicling the adventures of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, but it's the first to arrive in complete computer-generated imagery. It's a far grittier, grungier kind of New York than in the previous films, and the detail has been worked out to a thoroughly impressive degree, (SH)

28 WEEKS LATER (R,99 minutes) Directed with lethal precision by Spanish filmmaker Juan Carlos Fresnadillo, this horror film is as viscerally compelling as smashmouth filmmaking gets. It's a B-movie along the lines of "Night of the Living Dead" that plays like a reality TV nightmare with no narrative beginning, middle or ending — just survival as an ongoing guest. (DT)

VACANCY (R, 80 minutes) This is just another motel-hell horror flick in which an attractive couple discovers that "room service" isn't about clean towels and champagne so much as getting stabbed and videotaped for snuff films. (рт)

THE VALET (PG-13, 85 minutes) This is a classic French farce. The fabulous Daniel Auteuil plays a Paris industrialist who is photographed with his supermodel girlfriend (Alice Taglioni), then enlists a hapless car-parker (Gad Flmaleh) to cover for him by moving in with her. If it sounds improbable now, just wait: The movie is full of so many outlandish twists and turns that it must be taken with the biggest grain of fleur de sel you can find. Still, viewers willing to suspend disbelief are in for a sunny, funny good time. (AH)

WAITRESS (PG-13, 104 minutes) Keri Russell has a fine turn as the title character in writer/director/co-star Adrienne Shelly's witty fable about a working-class Southern gal married to an abusive dolt named Earl (Jeremy Sisto). Jenna (Russell) dreams of escaping her oppressive circumstances by winning the top prize in a pie-baking contest. But things get sticky when Jenna finds out she's pregnant, Enter a hunky obstetrician (Nathan Fillion) who sweeps Jenna off her feet and promises a way out. (PAUL FARHI)

YEAR OF THE DOG (PG-13, 97 minutes) TV and film writer Mike White makes his directorial debut with this film, delivering another weirdly dark but funny story, this time about a lonely secretary and devoted dogownernamedPeggy(MollyShannon), who, after the death of her beloved beagle, spins into a vortex of grief, overcompensation and, finally, a terrifying breakdown. The movie is awkwardly staged and uneven in tone, but it becomes a cathartic portrait of a woman unapologetically owning her desires, (AH)

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PLEASE WATCH US, MATE: HBO's new series "Flight of the Conchords" focuses on a musiccomedy duo transplanted from New Zealand to New York City. The network has gone viral to promote the program, allowing people to view the first episode on MySpace, YouTube, iTunes, etc.



Television

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

'LAW' SURVIVES DISORDER

Friday will not mark the final episode of LAW & ORDER (10 p.m., NBC). The legal drama survives to air on another day, and that day will be Sundays, beginning next January after NBC ends its "Sunday Night Football"run. Tonight's 17th season-ender does not have a valedictory air about it, but like any good finale, it sets up scenarios for the possible departure of major characters. Harry Hamlin quest-stars as the politician patriarch of a seriously messed-up dynasty. The shocking murder of his alcoholic ex-wife after a charity fundraiser casts a harsh spotlight on the pol, his disturbed daughter and his drug-addicted son. Jeffrey Tambor quest-stars as a biased and clueless judge who owes obvious favors to Hamlin's crooked character.

LOBOTOMY-FRIENDLY GAME SHOWS

Long the province of church basements and played by grandmothers with idle time and loose change on their hands, bingo has suddenly gone high tech. NATIONAL BINGO NIGHT (Fri., 9p.m., ABC) allows viewers to download and print their own bingo cards from ABC.com and play along with a studio audience. While the audience



LOCKDOWN: Harry Hamlin, right, joins Jeremy Sisto on "Law's" season-ender.

members are trying to reach bingo the old-fashioned way, a contestant is trying to win \$50,000 by guessing the value of the numbers in play.

CAN YOU FIND GABON ON A MAP?

Glenn Close narrates GABON: THE LAST EDEN (Fri., 10 p.m., National Geographic), about efforts to save a pristine African wilderness from development.

'HONOR' AND COURAGE IN IRAQ Television coverage of the war in Iraq often boils down to policy and politics. One rarely gets a clear picture of what soldiers endure and how much they sacrifice. The hour-long documentary AN ACT OF HONOR (Sat., 7 p.m., History) is a notable, and noble, exception. On Nov. 15, 2004, Marine Sgt. Rafael Peralta died saving the lives of members of his platoon. They were engaged in house-to-house and street-tostreet combat in the city of Fallujah. Using news footage and clips of video from cell-

phone cameras, "Act" offers viewers a rare and intimate view of this most gruesome and dangerous form of warfare.

AMERICA'S REAL FIRST FAMILY

Before the show about the world's favorite four-fingered yellow family celebrates its 400th episode, it has to air its 399th. The first of two SIMPSONS (Sun., 8 p.m., Fox) unfolds like an episode of "24" and features the voices of Jack Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland) and Chloe O'Brien (Mary Lynn Rajskub). In the second (8:30 p.m.) and 400th "Simpsons," newscaster Kent Brockman lands in hot water with the FCC after Homer spills hot coffee in his lap, prompting an obscene outburst from the normally unflappable newsman. The episode skewers the dubious motivations of religious censors as well as cowardly corporate media ownership. It reserves its harshest rebukes for the Fox Broadcasting Co. and the Fox



'SIMPSONS' STREAKING TOWARD 400:

Homer celebrates in his birthday suit.

News Channel. But in biting the hand that feeds it, this episode of "The Simpsons" crosses that thin line between silly and shrill — but the show is always funniest when it keeps the emphasis on the former. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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Toyota 1999 Celica—GT Convertible \$10,500 OBO, good cond, 63K, 5sp man, Wht ext, Blk Ithr int, 2 dr, alloy wheels, 703-636-8306

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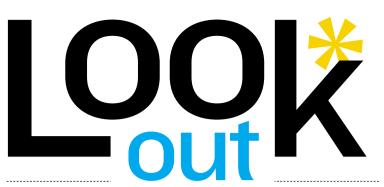
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Cremation Cremation They realize they don't want to become custodians and caretakers for these remains." Dwight Smith and his mother made several trips to Ireland over

the years, reveling in the beauty of
the Killarney lakes in the southwest
corner of the country.
When Smith's mother died in
August, there was no question she

"I feel that it will be done in a better way than I could have done," he said. "My mother would be happy that someone who likes doing this



that someone who likes doing this | CEREMONY AT SEA: Capt. Wes Heinmiller scatters ashes in the Pacific Ocean.

increasingly offer scattering services in their funeral packages.

He added that some relatives choose scattering because they worry about possibly losing the remains or subsequent generations letting the ashes lay forgotten in a closet or attic.

"They realize they don't want to become custodians and caretakers for these remains for a long period of time," he said.

Wes Heinmiller, owner of the Newport Beach, Calif.-based Atlantis Society, said his company does about 400 scattering ceremonies a year off the coasts of California and Washington state. His service costs \$1,000 to \$1,200 per ceremony, including the cost of chartering his 67-foot yacht.

Joanie West of Crystal River, Fla., has taken a different angle on air scattering with her ten-year-old company, the Eternal Ascent Soci-

The Perfect Ending

Checking with a mortician friend, Smith found the Internation is doing this."

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would be cremated — a request

she had made often - or that her

remains would be scattered near

time or resources to make the trip but wanted to fulfill his mother's

But Smith, of New London, Conn., said he did not have the

"What she doesn't want to be is in Long Island Sound," he said.

tional Scattering Society in the

Kansas City suburb of Lee's Sum-

mit — a sort of travel agency for

the cremated dead. The agency

offered to handle, for a fee, all the

paperwork and logistics required

for taking his mother's remains

overseas. Sometime this month,

the lakes.

wishes soon.

The dead are not content to just sit on the mantle anymore.

As the number of cremations grows — 32 percent of U.S. deaths led to cremation in 2005, compared with 21 percent in 1996, according to the National Funeral Directors Association — the demand has

risen among friends and family seeking out companies and organizations that can help them deal with the remains, either fulfilling their loved one's wishes or finding a final resting place more exotic than a family urn.

Mark Smith, president of the Chicago-based Cremation Association of

North America, said the majority of cremated remains still go home with loved ones for burial or safekeeping. But his association did a study last year that found that 21.7 percent of remains are destined to be scattered, up from 17.8 percent in 1997.

Smith said much of that growth is coming as funeral home directors

old townhome

ety. With the help of the family or by herself, she launches the cremated remains inside a large helium-filled balloon. Once it reaches a height of five miles, it pops, distributing the ashes to the winds.

"I tell them that, when it scatters, it's going all over the universe," she said. DAVID TWIDDY (AP)



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SIGHT SCENE

Construction Junction

Backhoes and excavators aren't typically extolled for their grace — but Pas de Dirt gives pieces of heavy industrial equipment a chance to show off their softer side. They'll dance with humans at the National Building Museum this weekend. Express contributor Kriston Capps previews the performance. | COMING UP





FILM

Canada at Cannes?

Express' Arion Berger is half a world away, sending us dispatches from the Cannes Film Festival. Apparently, things aren't what they used to be, because suddenly Canada is making its presence felt. Get her latest report at readexpress.com. | COMING UP

ENTERTAINMENT

Drugs? They Say No

Black Moth Super Rainbow has been pegged as a "drug band" for its "consciousness-expanding" sound, according to Express contributor Glenn Dixon. But BMSR frontman Tobacco says that's a bum rap. "Honestly, we're not. I'm completely dispelling the myth about us." Get the full story online. | ONLINE NOW



comment board

Let's keep Maryland out of the running for slot machines. There are other alternatives [for] getting money. How about cutting the salaries of those officials who don't do anything for the people?"

COMMENTER ANDI, IN RESPONSE TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "SHOULD MARY-LAND LEGALIZE SLOT MACHINES?"



No: We do not need another legalized addiction. Legalizing gambling is just a means for the state to overcome [its] negligence in efficient government."

COMMENTER SHANE, WHO ADDED "IF WE ARE GOING TO BE STUPID, WHY DON'T WE LEGALIZE OVER-THE-COUNTER OXYCONTIN — THAT MAY CUT DOWN ON MD.'S FAMOUS BAD DRIVERS AND REDUCE ROAD RAGE."

poll center

TODAY'S QUESTION

Did Oswald act alone in the JFK assassination?

1. Yes

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Should Maryland legalize slot machines?

AS OF 6 P.M. THURSDAY. NOT A SCIENTIFIC POLL.







"As of February 2008, all the bars and restaurants in Maryland will be smoke free. ... Now, to get Virginia to do the same ... yeah ... pipe dream."

DC.METBLOGS.COM LOOKS AT THE TOBACCO-FRIENDLY OLD DOMINION NOW THAT MARYLAND GOV. MARTIN O'MALLEY SIGNED SMOKING BAN LEGISLATION INTO LAW ON THURSDAY.



"COUNCIL MEMBER Carol

Schwartz—a Republican—had been supporting the elimination of the estate tax. How she was able to slip that into the budget is beyond me, but with all of the problems faced by the residents of D.C., tax cuts for the rich does not seem to be responsible policy."

DISTRICTMATTERS.COM LOOKS AT THE INS AND OUTS OF THE D.C. BUDGET.

"I WAS DETERMINED to go

today though, thinking it might be less busy than going on a Friday.

And I was right. I only had to wait about 10 minutes before my number was called. But ... the dealer didn't sign the title. So, I have to drive up to the dealership to get them to sign it, or mail it. ... Arrgghh."

ZANDRIA.US HAD A "FUN" TRIP TO THE VIRGINIA DEPT. OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

"[S]INCE BUSH admits he may have derailed the career of the longest-serv-

ing Labour prime minister in decades, let's ask him something else. Are you responsible, Mr. President, for sending the Middle East up in flames?"

JUANCOLE.COM HAS ANOTHER QUESTION FOR PRESIDENT BUSH AFTER A REPORTER ASKED THE PRESIDENT AT A PRESS CON-FERENCE WHETHER HE HAD RUINED THE POLITICAL CAREER OF BRITISH PRIME MIN-ISTER TONY BLAIR. BUSH SAID "MAYBE."

"If any of the fighting

was real, it was probably an argument over who gets the last line. My money is on publicity stunt, all the way. The only reason these two do anything is for attention."

EGOTASTIC.COM CLAIMS LINDSAY LOHAN AND BOY TOY CALUM BEST WERE ACTING DURING A SPAT IN A NEW YORK HOTEL.

Live Online

Horse 'Sense'

Horse racing handicapper LIAM
DURBIN of e-ponies.com was online
Thursday and discussed Kentucky
Derby winner Street Sense and the
rest of the field before the Preakness.

Please describe how you see the pace scenario shaping up in the Preakness?

It will be very similar to the Derby. If you are hoping the late closers will get their shot, they will. Street Sense may not want to linger quite as far back, but if he does I won't throw up my hands. Hard Spun

will lead early, and he will have pressure from some of the fresh horses. Curlin will likely not get such a miserable trip and will factor in the pace much sooner than he did in the Derby.

It's hard to look at Street Sense and not think of what happened to Barbaro. Is this something that hangs in the back of the mind of every trainer?

I know I'll never be able to get the image out of my mind. It will definitely bother me as they leave the gate on Saturday. The industry is taking action to reduce injuries and improve overall health of the competitors. The synthetic surfaces appear to be much safer surfaces.

Street Sense is a tough horse; however, Hard Spun led the pace and never quit. In a shorter race, I believe he could win. Your thoughts?

I don't think the difference in the distance will matter that much. Street Sense had the lead by the eighth pole. If he gets beat, it will be because one of the other horses he beat in the Derby runs a big one or Street Sense runs a bad one.

Give me a trifecta for the Preakness that you like.

Street Sense, Curlin, CP West.

TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE:
University of Texas law professor
Sanford Levinson discusses the Second
Amendment and the D.C. handgun ban at
Il a.m. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline



BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ. As proof, consider that some scientists are casting doubts on the "magic bullet" theory of the JFK assassination in The Washington Post. Did Lee Harvey Oswald act alone? Decide for yourself (www.jfklancer.com).

Bizarro | Dan Piraro



Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*



"You're being robbed of your dignity? Is another woman involved? Your best friend? Hmmm, OK, stay on the line."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

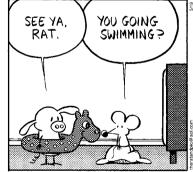


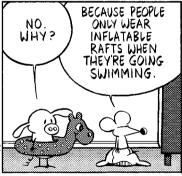






Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis







The Duplex | Glenn McCoy







Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may find yourself in a situation that you cannot control—and that is much harder to get out of than you had ever imagined.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your imagination is blossoming at this time, and now you are ready to do something with all that renewed creative energy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Completion of a project will make you feel better and enable you to relax and devote a little more time to yourself and a special someone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Crossing paths with one who is known to be threatening or dangerous is not the way to make life easier for yourself. Take the high road. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Proceed with caution, as dangers are present but may go undetected for some time. Let others know just what you're up to at this time. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) The old adage that states your body is a temple has a lot of truth in it; take care of yourself with more dedication right now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may find yourself making things up in order to compensate for something about yourself that you feel is inadequate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A hidden competition has been going on for some time, and you'll have the chance to bring everything out in the open and learn the truth.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It will be difficult for you not to get wrapped up in another's affairs, particularly when someone you know is getting anxious. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Spontaneous activity can pay off handsomely, and in a manner that is quite surprising in the extreme. Others will want to join you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Step back and take a deep breath — and a good long objective look at things, too. Much may seem overwhelming that is really very simple.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It is a good day to spring that special surprise on a loved one — but your timing must be just perfect. Don't wait too long.

Letters

Beware Merging in Maryland

I LIVE IN MARYLAND and am new to the area, so I can't really comment on which drivers are the most rude. I have, however, seen some things here that I have never seen anyplace else that I have lived. I have merged onto I-295 and a person I merged in front of zooms into the same lane to swerve around us and

pass us on the right. This is not a rare occurrence. And they get one car length ahead in slow bumperto-bumper traffic. Big whoop. What is it with these people?

> -LISA KLOW Laurel, Md.

Corrections:

In last week's BIO, the name of bride Micah Mills was mispelled. And in Thursday's Weekend Pass, the Catalyst Theater's Jessica Burgess was misidentified.

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Today in History

1896 The U.S. Supreme Court endorses "separate but equal" racial segregation with its Plessy v. Ferguson decision.

Tennessee Gov. Buford 1967 Ellington repeals the law against teaching evolution that was used to prosecute John T. Scopes in 1925.

Mount St. Helens explodes, leaving 57 people dead or missing.

President Clinton announces the creation



Mount St. Helens erupted today in 1980.

of a research center at the National Institutes of Health devoted to the goal of developing an AIDS vaccine within the next decade.



People



Did we mention this letter was posted next to a topless photo of herself?

PRAYFR

God Wonders Why No One Mentioned Spears Earlier

BRITNEY SPEARS wants her fans to know that their prayers have helped her during a difficult time. "I am so blessed that you care enough about me to be concerned and will continue to live in this brighter state with all of you by my side during this trying time," she wrote in the letter posted on her Web site. (AP)

DEFENSE

In the Tradition of, 'If It **Doesn't Fit,' We Offer This**

PHIL SPECTOR, now on trial for murder, asserted in a 2005 home video interview that the statuesque Lana Clarkson was standing when a gun was fired in her mouth and that he is too short to have done it. "I am 5 foot 5. It would have been physically impossible," he said. (AP)

To Bee, or Not to Bee

JERRY SEINFELD made his big appearance at the Cannes Film Festival wearing a fuzzy bumblebee suit and tights. "You know, one thing I hate is any kind of movie promotion that smacks of desperation in any way," the 53-year-old said before jumping from the roof of a hotel for "Bee Movie." (AP)



Tina: 'Serves Him Right'

IKE TURNER spent a night in jail after he was arrested on a 1989 narcotics warrant that turned out to be invalid, police said. The 75-year-old musician was spotted on Interstate



405 in the San Fernando Valley about 11:45 p.m. Tuesday night, and was freed from jail at 3 p.m. Wednesday. (AP)

Anne doesn't realize that REAL celebrities practically live in gift suites.

SWAG

Starving Celebrities Sustain Themselves With L.A.M.B.

Celebrity gift suites aren't common, insisted ANNE HECHE at the ABC upfronts this week. Then she departed the Lucky magazine suite in the Ritz Carlton with Dolce and Gabbana sunglasses, a Stuart Weitzman purse and wallet, and a L.A.M.B. jacket. (AP)



National Weather for Friday, May 18

From her first pose as the political statement "pro-death penalty," JASLENE GONZALEZ showed viewers of "America's Next Top Model" that she was fierce. On Wednesday, after toppling her competition (Natasha Galinka) in the final runway challenge in Australia, she walked away with the opportunity to waste away in modeling obscurity like the seven other past winners. But Gonzalez, who was rejected from the show the previous season, may be able to parlay her drag queen-esque look to great heights after appearing in Seventeen. (EXPRESS)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area











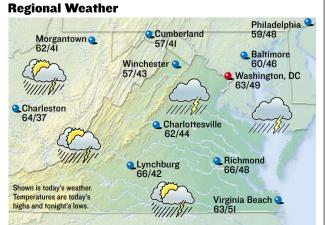


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Almanac

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Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

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Normal low	56°
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Month to date	1.45"
Normal month to date	2.06"
Year to dateI	3.49"
Last year to dateI	0.76"
Normal year to date I	4.27"

washingtonpost.com/weather

D.C. Metro: Today, cooler, a shower or thunderstorm. High 63. Wind north 10-20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 49.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	5:54 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:16 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:00 a.m.
Moonset today	II:04 p.m.

May 23





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New York City

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Yesterday's Solution

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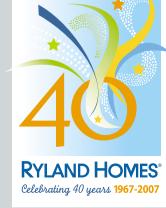
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face time

■ Women love him. Men want to be him.

Tim Gunn — the impeccably garbed mentor on "Project Runway," author of the new "Tim Gunn: A Guide to Quality, Taste and Style" (\$18, Abrams) and host of Bravo's upcoming "Tim Gunn's Guide to Style" — expounds upon the White House, the beauty of the black leather blazer and forging a signature look.

Your book is one of the few that quotes Soren Kierkegaard in explaining how to clean out a closet. Was one of your goals to keep the book intelligent?

That was one of goals! My editors fought a lot of that. They said, "People aren't going to know who that is, what that means." And my reaction was, "They can sit with Google and a dictionary."

You take a couple of shots at D.C., even though it's your hometown.

I do, but I also celebrate [socialite] Deeda Blair, with whom I've had a fascination since I was a kid. Style in D.C. all emanates from the White House. The Kennedy years were so fantastic, such a high point, and then the Johnsons moved in and it was all over.

Is there a presidential candidate you're pulling for, style-wise?

I wish there were. I had such high hopes for Hillary, and now she's wearing a uniform that's just too masculine for her.

When she was first lady, headbands just exploded.

She had a huge influence, but she's mellowed since then. I hope New York state hasn't done this to her. New York City certainly hasn't.

How does one get over the fear of redoing one's wardrobe?

It does take a certain propping up of oneself. I'm a conservative person, and I really don't subscribe to trend-buying. Try Banana Republic and Club Monaco, because they're not trendy with a capital "T." I do



Tim Gunn

HOMETOWN BOY, STYLE GURU, AUTHOR

think that one can look sensational in a pair of slacks, a white shirt and a great belt.

You're clearly known for a certain look. Does this limit you?

One could say it's limiting — you could also say it's liberating. It certainly helps when shopping. I know what I look — I don't want to say good — better in.

Do you ever make mistakes?

I was wearing a gray suit with a chalk stripe in it and had a shirt with a very thin stripe, and I thought the whole shirt read as gray, and colleagues kept asking why I was wearing a blue shirt with a gray suit!

What mistakes are others making?
The whole relaxing of American

"On Easter Sunday, I saw people leaving church wearing tracksuits."

dress has created a conundrum. Not to return to the '50s, when women had to wear skirts and hose, but the boundaries have eroded and it just drives me to despair. On Easter Sunday, I saw people leaving church wearing tracksuits.

My husband is in his 40s, and he still wants to look contemporary without appearing to try too hard.

I'm that guy. When I was appointed [chair of the fashion design department at Parsons the New School for Design], I bought a black leather blazer, which I could still wear with gray pants, a white shirt or a turtleneck. It gives me just enough of an edge, but it's still tailored. But I wear very conservative shoes. I don't want to feel like Bozo the Clown.

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La Dolce Footwear

THOSE RALPH LAUREN loafers look tired, and wearing Tsubos isn't an option with that new suit. Carbon's (2643 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-232-6645; carbondc.com) new line of Robert Guerinni slip-ons (\$279 per pair) — made in Italy just for the Woodley Park shoetique — walk the skinny line between Capitol Hill conservative and downtown cool. Styles mix classic wing-tip detailing and super-soft leather with mod shapes and slightly upturned toes.

Magical Mollusks

PEARLS, LONG THE JEWELRY CHOICE of great aunts and preppies, look hip when Germany's Gellner connects them to plastic tubing to make rings or dangles them from strands of semiprecious stones. Check out the company's latest creations starring the offspring of the oyster, like these earrings (\$2,885), May 18-19 at I Gorman (1120 20th St. NW; 202-775-8545).

Instant Manicure THE MOMENT WE TRIED YVES Saint Laurent's new Nail Touch (\$23, fine depart-

ment stores), we knew it was on 2007's top-10 list. In 30 seconds we had both hands painted. The brush is exactly the right width to do one nail per stroke; the pen is far easier to wield with one's nondominant hand than a bottle's tiny brush. Plus, the five pale, translucent colors are forgiving of slight mistakes.



Ty One On

WE PROMISE NOT TO MAKE any jokes about how "Ty Pennington at Home" has a recipe for "Tytinis," given the cover boy's recent arrest for investigation of DUI. The magazine, which hit newsstands May 15, covers home design, entertaining and the behind-the-scenes action of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition." Despite its shameless adulation of Ty, we liked how the mag appreciates high design while keeping its feet firmly planted in reality.

Stuck in Graphic

PILLOWS LOOK HAPPIER strewn with pandas. And you'll surely sleep better under a duvet festooned with platter-sized dots. In general, your home and closet could be a lot brighter now that the print-mad Finns of Marimekko have opened a shop in Silver Spring (8519 Georgia Ave.; 301-565-4705). Merch making the rainbow connection: stripey towels, fruit-print totes and pop-arty tables (\$300).

dear **manolo**

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

I'm a bridesmaid in a dressy wedding and, because I'm 27 weeks pregnant and a bit wobbly, I need a low, stable shoe. Strappy would be best for my swollen feet. Also, because they probably won't fit after I give birth, I don't want to spend

much. - MICHELLE

Manolo says, the Manolo has such sympathy for the pregnant ladies, especially those who must take part in some ritual that cannot be postponed and which undoubtedly involves much standing and perhaps even the out-



of-control bridezilla who is worried that you will go into labor during the cake-cutting. "If you start to feel contractions, can you just squeeze it back until the first dance is over?" It is the sincere belief of the Manolo that the pregnant ladies should not be obliged to participate in the weddings parties; indeed, it is the belief of the Manolo that the pregnant ladies should not even be obliged to walk. They should be carried from place to place on the palanquin, like Cleopatra. Here is the Mari from the Circa from the Joan and David (\$93, zappos.com), which is perfect for what you require.



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

ON THE COVER

Ambika wears bracelets from Pop (\$12 each, 1803A 14th St. NW), a Ghanese necklace (\$10, Bazaar Atlas, 2405 18th St. NW) and a Tibi jumpsuit (\$315, Betsy Fisher, 1224 Connecticut Ave. NW). Hair and makeup by Richard Bernal, T.H.E. Artist Agency and Skin Beauty Lounge. Model, T.H.E. Artist Agency. Photo by Marge Ely.

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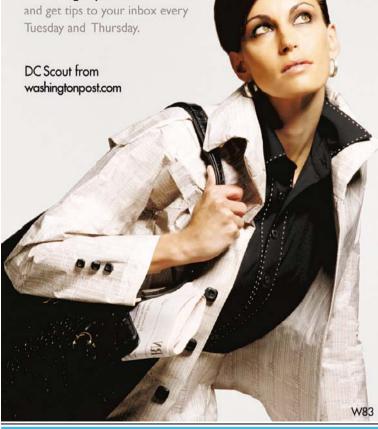
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The Great Wide Way

Slacks with room to breath are sneaking up on skinnies

Those who would prefer a root canal over a squeeze into skinny jeans, take heart. Be they relaxed chinos or flowing denim, flattering and forgiving wide-legged pants are making a much-needed comeback.

Yet last season, retailers were pushing ultra-slim styles down consumers' throats. What gives?

The change was strictly business, says Mauro Farinelli, co-founder of the Denim Bar. At national department stores, slender simply wasn't selling. "The skinny leg was supposed to be a trend but ended up a

fad," he says. "So, designers put out wide-legged jeans. It was a complete addition mid-season." A welcome one, apparently: His stores have nearly sold out of wider styles.

D.C. may not yet be fully cognizant of the style shift, however. Dr. Lucy Josey, coordinator of Howard University's fashion merchandising program, says she hasn't noticed billowing slacks on the school's fashionable campus. "Students are just more into showing more body and skin at this point in the fashion game, and the wide-legged pant does not address that," she said.

"Most of my clientele are still wanting skinny and boot-cut," says Fabiana Zelaya, owner of Bethesda boutique Daisy Too. "Sometimes it just takes us a little longer on the East Coast — maybe come fall, wide legs will be the must-have."

If you want to introduce width into your wardrobe, stick with the following tips. Otherwise, risk looking like badly dressed member of "The Brady Bunch."

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Heels Are a Must: Unless you're an Amazon, flats and wide legs don't mix. Channel a '70s folk vibe with cork wedges, or go disco glam with metallic platforms. Skip the stilettos — they won't show.

Wide at Work: Think structured sailor pants, not boho bells. On top, try a delicate silk blouse or cropped blazer; conclude with classic patent-leather pumps.

Balance Is Key: Eschew flouncy tunics or baggy tees for a tight fit. "You want a sleek look all the way down, so find a top without a lot of fabric," says Kara Alford, a D.C.-based image stylist with La Femme Wonderworks.

Watch the Waist: Though highwaisted flares can flatten a wayward stomach, the look works only on those with long torsos. Shortwaisted gals with hourglass figures need not apply. ASHLEY JOY PARKER



home Styles

Beyond Doilies & Doodads

Create surreal lamps and faux taxidermy with a hip new mag

Creepy embroidered dolls. Tables made of circuit boards. Fake-fur deer heads. The groovy DIY projects in Craft magazine ain't your mama's macramé or grandpa's whittling. The recently launched quarterly covers fresh and funky handmades (eclectic knit bags, mod clocks) that scream Brooklyn street fair, not Better Homes & Gardens. Editor in Chief Carla Sinclair filled us in on why crafting is cool.

Why do we need this magazine?

So many magazines are very specific, devoted to one thing, like crochet or woodwork. We wanted something devoted to all sorts of crafts.

Why are crafts back?

People have become disenchanted with consumer culture. Stores all sell the same thing. Crafting lets you make really individual things that aren't expensive. And it lets people be in a little more control of the things that they own.

But people are so busy today. How do they find time?

For many, it's a release, like meditation. Repetitive crafts, like knit-



EYE SPY: Whip up a lamp of paper peepers glued to plaster casts of Tupperware.

ting, can be so Zen-like. But in each issue of the magazine, we try to get crafts of different lengths, from things that take 20 minutes to a Hawaiian quilt that takes nine months.

The mag shows unusual materials - soda can pull-tabs, comic books. Do you aim for that?

Yeah, we've even lined up a project with this woman who does purses from vinyl yarn that she beads with washers and computer parts! It's fun to turn found objects or kitchen hardware into different things.

What have some of your favorite projects from Craft?

We did counterfeit, crocheted designer handbags, like fake Chanels. It's a designer look in a campy, offbeat way.

Any advice for people who haven't crafted anything before?

It's like cooking. Get started by picking simple things, then practice.

What if I start a project and then get frustrated by how hard it is?

If it's discouraging, then maybe you need to put it aside for a while. Or try the same technique but on a simpler project. I've tried doing origami that is too difficult, so instead I tried some simpler animals. It helps you start to understand the techniques, and improves your skills.

What's the weirdest project anyone suggested to you? Did you print it?

Someone talked about making paper with animal excrement, but I didn't think we should use that. But we did print how to make a tank top with flashing LEDs on it.

Is it basic human nature to want to make things?

We're wired to create. If we weren't, we never would've made it this far. People have to be inventive to survive. That's how the wheel came about. Jennifer Barger (express)



BOOKS

Grandma Knew Best

■ Cleaning stinks. Add a little retro flair, though, and suddenly it's kind of fun, "Classic Household Hints" by Susan Waggoner (\$18, Stewart, Tabori & Chang) combines vintage artwork with tips both old and new. Some are bizarre ("to clean a broiler pan, pour coffee grounds over it and rub well") and others are flat-out ingenious. Using an empty tissue box to store old plastic grocery-store bags is infinitely better than our current cramthem-in-the-drawer technique. Of course, most of the pictures depict women smilingly doing domestic-type things, which is either irritating or charming, depending on your point of view. Yes, these ladies may have been oppressed by the patriarchy — but we bet their residences were way cleaner than ours. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

BOOKS

DIY Crop Circles

■ Want to make mowing the lawn even more annoying? Check out David Parfitt's "Lawnscapes" (\$15, Quirk Books), a howto manual about showing the neighborhood just what a dork you really are. In it, you can find instructions on how to sculpt your grass into shapes ranging from ho-hum stripes to a Celtic knot (also known as RenFest Comes to Your Lawn). Letters and numbers are also included, so teens can really earn their allowance with artfully placed swear words. The most advanced inspirations include a giant bow, an eagle and Bottecelli's Venus on the Half Shell. Not even kidding. We can't believe anyone would do this, but if you do, will you invite us over? We'd like to mock you even as we secretly admire your determination, K.P.K









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Master the DIY Dry

Learning the art of the blow-dry is harder than it looks

New haircuts look fabulous for two days. Then comes the first shampoo, and the super-sleek coif collapses into lifeless frizz. What's missing? Probably the blow-dry.

Most home attempts at the salon-style blow-out end with contortions, cursing and hair wrapped around a round brush so tightly that scissors look pretty tempting. Is it even possible to do it yourself? I'm going to try.

Tami Wisniewski, stylist at Roche Salon (3000 K St. NW; 202-775-0775), was my blowdry drill sergeant. My first mistake? Feeling smart for bringing a round metal brush, only to be told that such implements are for curly

locks, which mine are not. "They get so hot, they'll make straight hair lose volume," says Wisniewski. She recommends round boar-bristle brushes, which, while costly, "last forever." You'll need two. (My faux boar-bristle brush, \$12 at Whole Foods, seems to work fine.) I did get props for my 2,000-watt hair dryer—the more power, the better.

Wisniewski starts by toweldrying my hair, then adding two squirts of Kerastase Nutri-Sculpt to smooth it down. She dries my tresses until just a smidgen of moisture is left — they're probably about 85 percent dry. This is the point at which I would declare myself done.

Then comes the butterfly clips — the step most DIYers skip. Choose an area and clip

Roche Salon Velocity spray (\$12), left, adds lift; Roche Grasp (\$14) sets hair; Kérastase Mousse Nutri-Sculpt (\$26.50) smooths.



up the top layers, leaving a brushsized chunk. Quickly whip the brush through the ends of the hair. Switch to new pieces until the bottom layer is dry.

What I call the "roll-and-stick" is employed for top layers. Here, you're pulling a section of hair straight up, then rolling it over the brush. Not pulling it down, which is how I've been doing it my entire life.

Once the segment is rolled, let the

"The more volume you have right off the bat, the better."

brush rest against your head while you go to town on another part using the second brush. When the rolled bit is dry, let it loose and give it a good once-over with cool air. (This seals the cuticle and kills frizzies.) When you're done with the sides and back, move on to the front. Here, pull hair forward, toward the mirror, then roll the brush back.

Sometimes, especially on humid days, Wisniewski squirts a little hair spray on the roll, lets it simmer, then blasts it with cool air for maximum smoothness.

The final step: tease. "Not like the '80s," says Wisniewski. "Everyone's afraid it's going to look like a rat's nest, but just do it on the underneath part." This adds volume while leaving the top layer smooth and straight.

Learning on yourself is tough for anyone, even Wisniewski. "I was so frustrated because I couldn't do my own hair," she said. Even after

beauty school, it took her several blow-outs to achieve mastery. Now, she's done in about 10 to 15 minutes; rookies should need a half-hour or so.

One quick cheat Wisniewski encourages: mostly dry your hair, attack it with Velcro rollers, then finish with cold air. "As long as you pull up on the rollers to wrap, you'll still have all that volume," she says.

I still love sleep too much to do all this every day. But now that I know I can fake a blowout, I'll happily pull and roll my way to pseudo-perfection.

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

peeves of the pros



Please Stop Being the Boss

■ Your stylist doesn't come to your job, stand behind your desk, and boss you around, does he? Extend him the same courtesy, says Matthew Yates, stylist and co-owner of the new My Hair Suite, formerly Oggi Hair Salon (404 8th St. SE; 202-543-4612).

"Most people who sit in my chair give me lots of leeway with their hair," he said. But sometimes customers decide to micromanage. "One time," recalls Yates, "I told the woman, 'We can do this one of three ways — I can do it, you can finish it up, or you can leave.' When I feel the respect is completely gone and it's beyond me to finesse the situation, those are the options I have to offer."

And don't beg for highlights when you booked a blow-out. "When someone is scheduled for a certain service, time is allotted for that. Book for what you really think you're going to get," says Yates.

Yates also has a bone to pick with the nation's capital. "Highlights are very wrong here," he says. "At one point, chunky highlights were really in, and highlights where you wanted the separation in color, but now the look is definitely a little more natural, tone-on-tone, multidimensional. You want to whisper, not shout." K.P.K.



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What do you look for in a summer intern?

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I. "A drinking partner," Lisa Jones, with Larry Poncho Brown. 2. "The proper amount of clothing," Christon Bacon, right, with Eden Nesbitt. 3. "Doesn't want to get paid," Nyasha Chikowore, left. "Naive," Erika Richardson, center, with Mercy Chikowore. 4. "A professional dresser," Latanya Williams, left. "Perky," Denise Williams. 5. "Somebody who can write a basic letter — even a sentence," Shana Bailey, left. "I dream about it, the intern does it," Celena Gill, center, with Natasha Eubanks. 6. "Someone who appears to be working," Princess Bethea, left, with Chiante Taylor. MINA PAHLEVAN



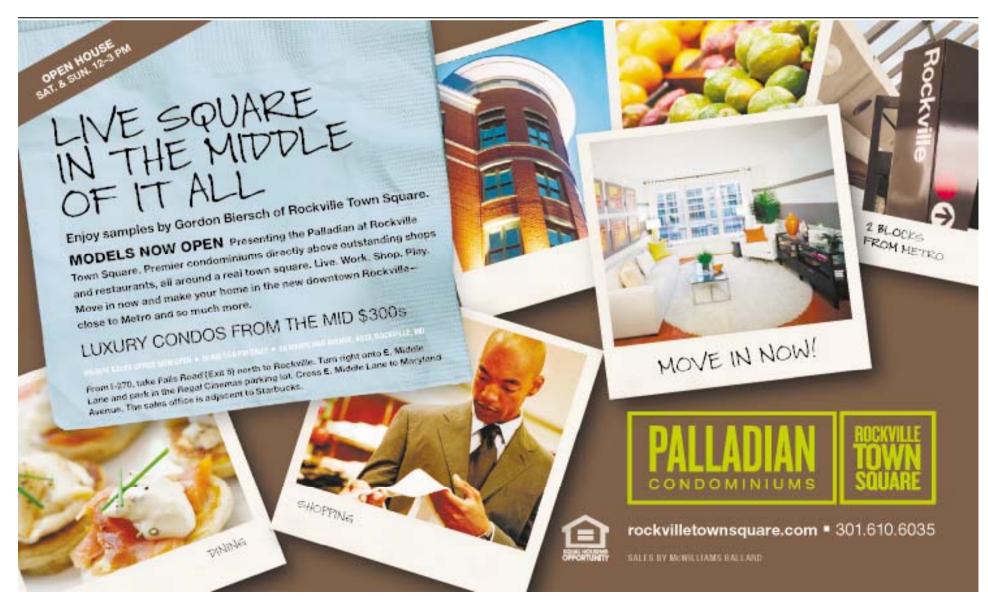














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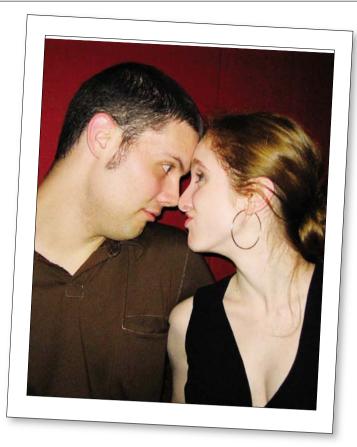
John is a construction project manager. An is a high school teacher and graduate student. They live in Washington.

- The Main Event: A formal ceremony and reception for 150 in Harrisburg, Pa., on July 7. After the honeymoon in Hawaii, they'll host a traditional Chinese tea ceremony and reception for 250. The festivities conclude with a casual party for 100 over Labor Day weekend.
- How They Met: One of John's friends from Penn State knew An's brother.
- First Impressions: "He had a real-

ly loud red Mustang, which I didn't like," says An. "I really shined up the red dragon for that night," says John.

- First Date: Havana Village in Adams Morgan for mojitos and dancing.
- How He Proposed: "John had been telling me for a month that we were driving to the Outer Banks. I cannot stand to be in a car longer than two hours," says An. But he drove her to Dulles instead, and they headed to Puerto Rico. Eight days later, John proposed on a private jet over the Caribbean.
- Their Song: "The Joker" by the Steve Miller Band. "We've always loved to sing together. Even though An sings doobee-doo over most lyrics, this is one she actually knows the words to."
- Wedding Jitters: "As long as none of the groomsmen goes, 'cough-ahemdon't-do-it' under their breath, I think we're good here," says John.

"I knew she was really smart, so I had to bring my A-game."



No Distance Too Far

First impressions can reveal a lot about a relationship. When PHIL HETRICK first encountered ALEXIS REUBEN, he thought, "She's cute! But she's also short." Phil is 6 feet 5 inches tall, so such thoughts "always used to enter my mind when sizing up potential girlfriends." As for 5-foot-1-inch Alexis, "I loved his sense of humor, and I could tell he had a gentle nature. I didn't notice his height at first" — perhaps because he was lying on a couch watching TV when they met.

When Phil proposed, "I knew she knew it was coming, so I decided to have some fun. We went out to a nice dinner and, since I knew she'd check my pockets, I left the ring right inside the door to our apartment. When we got home and she was taking off her coat, she turned around to see me on one knee with the open box."

Alexis, 24, is a graphic designer for Comella Design Group. Phil, 25, is a computer technician for the Government Accountability Office. They live in Washington and will marry June 30 in an outdoor ceremony for 75 guests, followed by a brunch buffet.



Sara Michaelchuck, Anthony Webber

Sara, 27, is an environmental lawyer. Tony, 28, is an engineer. They live in Silver Spring.

- The Main Event: A ceremony at Cornell University's Sage Chapel, followed by a reception at a vineyard on Seneca Lake in New York, on June 2.
- How They Met: At their dorm's floor meeting, the first week of their freshman year. "Later that night, I stopped by his room to introduce myself," says Sara.
- First Date: "I guess I would say our first date was the night we became friends," says Tony. Sara asked him if he wanted to share a French-bread pizza from "The Hot Truck," a late-night Cornell tradition. "I ended up hanging out with her and her roommate all night."

"The architecture and beautiful dark wood make the chapel a very dramatic setting."

- How He Proposed: "In the most romantic way I could think of," says Tony. "I took her back to Ithaca and proposed on 'our' steps next to 'our' dorm" where they'd once stayed up all night waiting for the sunrise."
- Making It Unique: After they exit the chapel, the Cornell clock tower's chimes will play several songs, including "Here Comes the Sun" by the Beatles and "Satellite" by the Dave Matthews Band.
- Wedding Jitters: "I don't want to jinx it, so I'm not going to answer," says Sara.

Rocklan King III, Allison Skowronski

Rocky, 25, is a law student. Allison, 24, works in government relations for a nonprofit. They live in Arlington.

- The Main Event: A Catholic ceremony followed by a reception for 175 guests in Knoxville, Tenn., on June 2.
- **How They Met:** In American University's dorms while they were both interning on Capitol Hill.
- First Impressions: "I thought he was sort of a dorky Southern boy

who was trying too hard," says Allison. "I thought she was really fun and pretty easygoing," says Rocky.

■ First Date: After dinnerin Georgetown, they met up with friends for a movie. "We didn't want our circle to know that we

were dating," says Allison.

How He Proposed: "Rocky and I went to Corduroy for dinner, then he

said he had dessert back at his apart-



ment," says Allison. "Little did I know he'd recruited his friends to light 100 candles and sprinkle rose petals while we were at dinner"

- When He Knew: Around New Year's, during their first year as a couple. "I was in Minnesota visiting her family and had so much fun with her in her hometown," says Rocky.
- Celebrating Heritage: The reception will be "a blend of Northern and Southern traditions, while still reflecting our diverse heritage," says Allison. "I'm Polish-Irish, so we'll have a polka and some Irish pub tunes, but to reflect Rocky's Latin family, we'll also be playing 'La Bamba."
- Wedding Jitters: "Both my college and law school friends will be there," says Rocky. "God help our bar tab!"



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Last Week's Solution

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How to Play

The rules of Samurai Sudoku are the same as in the popular Sudoku puzzles that appear in Express and The Washington Post.

As with standard Sudoku, the Samurai version requires no math, just logic, reasoning ... and an iron will. The goal is to fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles.

A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another. As always, there's only one solution, which will appear in next week's edition of Weekend Styles.

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